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BANK ROBBER IS CONVICTED

Benton, Dec. 6.—Tom Mangrum of Southern Illinois was found guilty by a jury in circuit court here at 9 o'clock Friday night of the hold-up of the Bank of Vanduser last June, and his sentence was fixed at five years in the state penitentiary. The jury deliberated five hours, taking the case at 4 p. m. after two days of testimony had been heard.

Mangrum is the first of four men, under arrest in connection with the robbery, which netted $1850, to be tried. He was identified by two witnesses, the cashier and a director of the bank, as one of the bandits.

Attorneys for the accused bandit attempted to present an alibi to counteract the state's testimony.

The trial of the other alleged robbers will be started next week, Prosecuting Attorney Barton said today. A jury to try Ben McFerron, alleged companion of Mangrum in the actual hold-up of the bank, will be picked on Monday and testimony in his case is to start on Tuesday.

A charge has been filed against McFerron of the theft of an automobile in Illinois, and the sale of it in Scott County. This case, however, is not expected to be tried at this term of court.

The state closed its case against the alleged bank robber late Thursday afternoon after two witnesses—the bank cashier and a director, who were held up—identified Mangrum as the robber. The defense, in its testimony, sought to prove an alibi—that Mangrum was in Illinois at the time of the robbery.

S. P. Cutlich, cashier, who was alone in the bank when a man entered ostensibly to get change for a bill of small denomination, declared that the bandit, who pointed a revolver at him, was Mangrum.

"Just as he drew his weapon, another man entered the bank", the cashier said. "He also drew a revolver, and walked into the cage where I was standing. About this time a director in the bank, S. M. Dailey, entered the building, and he was told to put up his hands. He complied, and then the robbers made us lie down on the floor, while they scooped up the money in the cage and fled, after locking the front door to the building".

Daily also identified Mangrum as one of the bandits.

A total of $1850 in cash was obtained in the hold-up. After leaving the bank, the three men, alleged to have participated in the robbery, disappeared in an automobile.

Six men are under arrest in connection with the robbery, but the state elected to try Mangrum first.

GRATZ LOSES $85,000 SUIT AFTER SIX YEARS

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—After six years of litigation, Benjamin Gratz, St. Louis capitalist, has lost his claim against the Bleven Button Company of Muscatine, Ia., for $85,000 damages, the value of more than 300 tons of mussel or clam shells alleged to have been taken from streams in Pemiscot County swamp lands owned by Gratz and converted into pearl buttons.

A jury in Federal Judge Faris' Court late yesterday returned a verdict in favor of the defendant in the case which was unsuccessfully tried in United States District Court in 1918 when United States District Judge Pollock took the case from the jury and decided there was no property right in mussels.

Gratz appealed the verdict to the United States Supreme Court, where he won his contention that the mussels belonged to the owner of the land on which they were found. The suit as decided yesterday was to determine the value of the shells on Gratz's claim. The shells, which were taken by the Blevin Compnay from the Little River in Southeast Missouri, were manufactured into buttons.

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NEW MANAGENT FOR AEROCRUISER COMPANY

President T. M. Finley of the Aerocruiser Company was a recent Sikeston visitor. Southeast Missouri has many stockholders in this company who paid out their good money believing the Aerocruiser would be built and would be a good investment. Several hundred thousand dollars were taken in from stock sales and no effort apparently was made to build one of the cruisers. Then the law department of the State of Missouri stepped in and forbid the selling of any more stock under the blue sky law—that is selling something worthless for real money. There has never been a doubt but what his invention was valuable, but Dr. Finley was too visionary, and real men of business qualifications and sufficient finances would have nothinng to do with going forward with the work while Dr. Finley had the control and management of the affairs of the company. When Dr. Finley first became inspired with the flying machine, he was a Methodist parson stationed at Oran, was satisfied to walk about the city and dine on yellow legged chickens, but when thousands upon thousands of dollars were coming in from stock sales, he moved to St. Louis, up among the tarts and jellies, had high powered cars to carry him about and was too high up in the clouds of self importance to talk of small things. Then the blue sky law punctured his inflow of money and once again he is back to a fried meat diet and wondering where that is coming from. At last he is wlling for his advisers to assume management and control of the Aerocruiser Company and salvage it if they can. Of the more than two hundred thousand dollars taken in the only real accomplishment was the building of a monster motor that was a perfect piece of mechanism, but too large for ordinary use, so the new business organization will assess each stockholder a small amount of money and by spring will have their first useful motor built. There is an unlimited demand for auto engines that will stand the strain of long usage and the aerocruiser motor has made good in this respect. As the motors are put on the market the new organizatino will seek advice from German Zeppelin engineers as to their aerocruiser, and if they O. K. the idea, as has the U. S. War Department, an effort will be made to finance the building of one of their machines for either war or commercial use. The Standard has never doubted the feasability of the Finley machine, but his own visionary flights of oratory have frightened away real substantial financiers.

Miss Goldie Fowler of Los Angeles, Calif, arrived Monday for a month's visit with homefolks.

Clifford Grosshart of Urich, Mo., graduated from Chillicothe Business College last week and was placed as stenographer in the division offices of the Missouri Pacific R. R. at Falls City, Nebr., starting at $130.00 a month.

Mrs. G. P. Martin, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. P. Van Arsdale, Sr., and family for the past few weeks, left Tuesday for a short visit in St. Louis with relatives. From there she will go to her home in Sedalia.

John A. Young recently made a personal survey of Sikeston and his figures show that a population of from 6200 to 6500 now live within our corporate limits. This is a very conservative estimate and hardly a day passes without calls for more houses and rooms.

Misses Myrtle and Irene Wright were hostesses at a bunking pparty Monday night in honor of Miss Maudie Walker, who left Tuesday for an extended stay with her father in Corona, Calif. The girls who enjoyed the night were Misses Nellie Rankin, Hazel Milem, Marie Swanagon, Lora Kem, Elsie Lepley, Letita Lackett, Gladys Schrum, Daphna Randolph and Ella Bailey.

Twice The Paper Half The Money

In order to encourage our subscribers to pay up and set their paper ahead, and to increase our list of readers, the management has decided to put the price of the Twice-a-Week Sikeston Standard down to 75c a year to all paying up to date and to new subscribers. The 75c will pay to January 1, 1926.

Remember, in order to get this rate our present subscribers will have to pay all arrears up to date at the regular $1.50 rate, then 75c will pay for the entire year of 1925.

These rates are good until January 15, 1925, and in Zone One only. Zone One covers approximately 125 miles in every direction from Sikeston.

THE SIKESTON STANDARD

SIKESTON, MISSOURI

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

William Oliver and wife to Amos Let: Lots 5 and 6 block 6 village of Tallapoosa, $1.00.

Himmelberger-Harrison Lbr. Co. to Henry Perly Rusk: All that portion lying east of the Little River in the NW¼ stc. 6 twp. 25 range 13 except right-of-way of the St. Louis-Ieon Mountain and Southern railway, containing 86.85 acres. For further description see book 81 page 474. $1.00 and other valuable consideration.

Henry Perly Rusk and wife to Himmelberger-Harrison Lbr. Co.: All that portion of the SW¼ sec. 23, twp. 21, range 11, lying east of the center line of ditch 1 and south of the center line ditch 57 of the Little River D. R., containing 13.09 aires. All that portion of the NW¼ sec. 26-21-11 lying east of center line ditch 1, Little Rive D. D. 110.65 acres; all that portion of the SW¼ 26-21-11 lying north of the public road or pole road 28.97 acres. Containing in all 152.71 acres. $100 and other valuable consideration.

J. B. Fletcher and wife to Louise Deane: One-half acres in the north central part of NE¼ sec. 19-21-14. See book 81, page 476. $300.

J. L. Leek and wife to W. M. Mocabee: Lot 3 block 4 city of Morehouse. $900.

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LYNCHING RECORD IS ONLY HALF AS HIGH AS IN 1923

Atlanta Ga., Dec. 5.—Such progress has been made in the fight against lynching in America that the churches are working with the "full expectation" of keeping the year 1926 free from lynchings, says the report of the Commission on Church and Race Relations to the fifth quadrennial meeting of the Federal Council of Churches here.

Up to November 1, of this year, there were 13 lynchings in the United States, a drop of 50 per cent compared with the same period for 1923.

The delegates also had the interracial question brought before them in an address prepared for delivery by Bishop Frederick P. Reese of Geogia.

Bishop Reese took the position that interracial co-operation and harmony between the white and negro races can be brought about only when the churches release the sense of brotherhood toward every man.

"The negro is not like the white man in every particular. There are striking differences physical and mental, but he is one with the white man in his essential humanity", he said. "When the churches have convinced their own peoples and have led them to accept that truth and base their relations to the negro on that principle there will be cordial co-operation and confidence between the races".

COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Judge Walker Grants Injunction

Judge Walker on Wednesday, December 3, while holding court at Kennett issued temporary injunction restraining S. E. Newhouse and Frank Brooks, of Dexter. from selling cotton to any other firm or corporation except the Missouri Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association.

The Co-operative method of selling cotton is effective when the Association controls sufficient cotton to make it effective. This fact is admitted in the market letter of H and B Beer on November 10, 1924, which reads as follows:

The indicated crop: 12,816,000 bales, plus linters, appears ample for the season's wants but owing to the strong financial position of the South, it is argued that it will be difficult to obtain cotton in quantity in the future except at higher prices, as much of this year's production is being placed in the hands of co-operative marketing associations in the interior for the purpose of holding for higher prices.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday last, Mrs. C. B. Watson gathered 30 dozen eggs from her flock of S. C. White Leghorns. She feeds Purina scratch feed in straw and keeps Purina chow and mash in a dry form before them all the time.

SUIT OVER RAIL ACCIDENT HEARD

Suit for $600 damages for an automobile, badly damaged in a collision with a Missouri Pacific train at a railroad crossing east of Sikeston, was being tried in Common Pleas Court here today.

The suit against the railroad was brought by Byron Guthrie, owner of the car. However, he was not driving it, having loaaned it to a friend.

In a suit involving the same accident, Mrs. Dola Vowels was given a verdict for $17,000 damages by a jury in circuit court at New Madrid, for injuries alleged to have been sustained in the accident.

The accident occurred at a crossing a half mile east of Sikeston where a detour had been made across the railroad tracks, while the principal highway was being improved. The highway and railroad run parallel to the crossing, where a right-angle turn to the right is made.

Attorneys for the plaintiff contend that the crossing was so rough that a car could not negotiate it without difficulty, this causing Guthrie's machine to stall on the track. The railroad attorneys contend that, as the highway and railroal run parallel, there was no excuse for the driver not seeing the train.—Cape Missourian.

"THE GARDEN OF WEEDS" BETTY COMPSON PICTURE

The subtleties and cunning intrigue possible to great wealth—and particularly as they affect one of the legion of chorus girls on Broadway—are strikingly depicted in "The Garden of Weeds", the new James Cruze production for Paramount starring Betty Compson and with Warner Baxter, Rockcliffe Fellowes, Charles Ogle and Al St. John in the featured cast, which comes to the Malone Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

Fellowes, as Phillip Craig, owns the luxurious "Garden of Weeds", a home where he maintains many hangers-on and where he delights to take the beauties of the theatre until he tires of them. Baxter, as Douglas Crawford, is a wealthy young man whom Fellowes hopes to entangle in a shady business deal and Ogle, as Henry Poulson, is one of Flagg's tools.

Betty Compson appears as Dorothy Delbridge a chorus girl who is understudying the leading lady in a show Fellowes is financing. She meets Fellowes, Ogle and Baxter almost at the same time; is attracted to Baxer and Spurns Fellowes invitation to visit his home. Piqued, he has her discharged and then contrives to meet her and renew his invitation. This time she accepts.

Weeks later she again meets Baxter and begins a secret friendship with him. They decide to get married, he knowing nothing of her present life. She breaks with Fellowes in a terrific scene in which he threatens to reveal her secret to Baxter, but they are married and go away for their honeymoon.

When they retun, she has still been unable to confess to her husband, and suddenly finds he has engaged a Japanese butler who was installed in the Fellowes mansion while she was there. To add to her horror, Fellowes turns up for dinner, and begins to taunt her with veiled jibes.

Suddenly breaking the strain, she runs to her husband and sobs out her confession. Fellowes attempts to carry off the situation with a show of bravado, but the men face each other across the table and Baxter calmly announces that he intends to kill Fellowes. The woman screams as the men struggle. From that point the story moves swiftly to a tensely dramatic finale under the skilled guidance of Director Cruze.

"The Garden of Weeds" was originally a successful New York play by Leon Gordon and Doris Marquette. It was adapted for the screen by Walter Woods and Anthony Coldewey. Karl Brown veteran of the Cruze unit for Paramount supervised photography.

COOLIDGE'S MESSAGE ANGERS SOUTHERNERS

Washington, Dec. 5.—Southern Senators and Representatives are becoming more and more irate over the interpretation they read into President Coolidge's reference to the negro in his message to Congress.

Hints have come from administration sources that the President meant to indicate his support of the famous force bill that the late Senator Lodge of Massachusetts championed in earlier days. It was this bill, calling for Federal supervision of the polls and potentially the use of Federal troops to see that the negro was not kept away from the ballot box in the South, that so inflamed many Southerners that they never forgave Lodge.

Lodge's first big fight in Congress was made on this measure, which went down finally under the bitterest kind of assault. But whether Mr. Coolidge really intended to revive this issue or whether he desired to gratify varrious negro forces that aided him in the election are questions nobody is able to answer.

"I firmly believe", said the Coolidge message, "that it is better for all concerned that they (the negroes) should be protected from all of these impositions to which, from their position, they naturally fall a prey, especially the crime of lynching. * *"

It was this phrase that was taken by the Southerner to mean indorsement of the Force bill, although the prevalent opinion is that Mr. Coolidge's purpose was political rather than a serious effort to sponsor such legislation.

Mr. Coolidge's message was taken to indorse the anti-lynching bill as well as more drastic legislation. That his purpose however, was to appease the negroes without really intending to act is deducted from the fact that no legislation is in view to realize the aspirations the President expressed.

Also, administration Senators admit no such legislation will be attempted seriously. None could possibly get into the hopper this session without blockading the supply bills. It may be tried later before the by-elections, but only as a political gesture.

The point on which Southern Democratic hostility rises to its greatest height is the charge that Mr. Coolidge played with the Ku Klux Klan all the way before election and harbored no such kindly sentiments for the negro until election day had passed and it became politically safe to do so.

EGYPTIAN SERENADERS HERE DECEMBER 22

Sikeston's 1924 Christmas dance will be held at the Armory, in the Russell Brothers building.

Extensive plans are now under way for the re-surfacing of the floor and the decoration of this hall, which it is believed will make a wonderful place for future dances.

Adjoining the dance hall is a large room, nicely finished, which will be converted into a ladies rest room.

The Serenaders, the most popular musicians appearing in Southeast Missouri, have only one other date in Missouri during the Holidays, that being at Poplar Bluff, December 31, therefore nothing is being left undone, to make this a social success.

T. W. Stehlin of Gillespie, Ill., was a visitor in Sikeston Tuesday and paid The Standard a pleasant call.

The big Mid-Winter Opening at Chillicothe Business College occurs January 5th. New classes will start then and many will enter upon bookkeeping,banking, stenographic, telegraph and civil service courses.

The Standard believes no city of its size anywhere that has such a high class lot of grocery stores as Sikeston. All carry large and well selected stocks of staple and fancy groceries, and a number of them carry green groceries and fruits the year round. If you have the money you can get anything the markets of the world supply in Sikeston.

Sikestonians Consumed 1800 Pounds of "Sugar Creek" Butter During November

INCREASED DEMANDS PROVE THE BEST IS NONE TOO GOOD FOR THEM

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Being an assistant grain inspector is not such a bad job after all. Tanner Dye drew down $345 for his October month salary which is not to be sneezed at. His regular salary is $125 per month but he is allowed 10 cents per mile for visiting other points and testing grain and during October covered 2200 miles.

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In order that there shall be no misunderstanding about the matter the management will say that our present subscribers, in order to get the 75c rate, will be expected to pay up their subscription to the present time, then 75c will pay them to January 1, 1926. All new subscribers and renewals will receive the 75c rate until January 15, 1925.

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A Man Who Knows told the editor of The Standard that eleven Sikeston women were trading in Cairo the same day recently. One of the women said she had spent $92 and believed she made the least purchases of any of them. Why is this? Do our merchants neglect the quality desired or is the local quality out of date? This is mighty bad on the old home town, but good on the neighboring towns.

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Taxes may be defined as a demand which everybody favors on the theory that somebody else is going to pay it. Government has done less to educate the people in the principle of taxes than in any other political subject. It is even worse than that, political emphasis has general'y encouraged the delusion that taxes are always paid by someone else. The tariff tax, we are told, is paid by the consumer. The property tax, we are told, is paid by the landlord; we know it is paid by the tenant. The commodity tax, it is asserted, is paid by the maker; it is paid by the user. It cannot be otherwise, since there is no source of wealth but the public as a whole, and it is the public as a whole that pays all the tax—even the income tax.—Henry Ford.

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Now that Kentucky's anti-gossip law has been put to the test and taken definite toll in the form of a fine imposed upon a farmer's wife who, it is claimed, had asserted, in the presence of witnesses, that the police of Owensboro were "fifty-fifty with bootleggerfs", it will certainly behoove Kentuckians to mind their p's and q's as never before. This law, passed at the last session of the Legislature, provides that gossip shall be looked on as a misdemeanor, and imposes a fine of from $10 to $100 and from 10 to 50 days in jail on any person found guilty of making or circulating false reports. One smiles at the thought of such a law, but if only one-half of the tragedies which have had their origin in slander and scandal could have been avoided, what a different world this would have been.—Christian Science Monitor.

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SAYS AGRICULTURE IS COMING INTO ITS OWN

Chacago, Dec. 5.—"Agriculture is again cming ino its own", said Finley P. Mount, president of the National Association of Farm Euipment Manufacturers, in opening the annual meeting of the Tractor and Thresher Department of the national association here today.

"At no time in the past have the problems of agriculture received more widespread attention than the immediate present", he asserted. "After nearly four years of depression due to many and varied causes, accompanied by the offer of innumerable panaceas, legislative, political and theoretical, we have now a concurrence o ftwo important and significant events. First, the very great rise in the price of farm porducts; second, a national committee appointed by the President to give the whole problem a careful business-like and non-political study with a view toward pointing out some course which will tend to keep agriculture on a party with other industries.

"Both general business and the public at large are being reminded, as never before, that there can be no general sustained prosperity in this country unless accompanied by a like prosperity on the farm. If the new agricultural commission is able to point the way to better methods of production and marketing, to saving the gains already made in farm price advance, it will have accomplished a great good not only for agriculture but for the nation as well".

The year 1924 saw a substantial improvement over 1923 and 1925 promises still better in the export field for American farm equipment, according to E. J. Gittins, chairman of the executive committee of theassociation.

"The facts are that the foreign trade in 1924 has been quite an improvement over 1923 and the outlook now is foor a decided improovement for 1925 and that the other fields where American implements are sold will continue to improve at least for another year. Those who have fixed connections in foreign countries with an established trade should realize a fine foreign business next year".

When Mrs. Mary Bates, aged 84, and Peter Bane, aged 82, were married at Vanceburg, Ky., the bride had her hair bobbed and was gowned in the latest fashion.

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Governments are funny institutions. The one we support built the super-dreadnaught Washington at an expense of twenty million dollars. Just as it was nearing completion the mighty boat was towed out to sea and used as a target for bombs from earth air and sea, while shouts of laughter went up from Great Britain and Japan, with whom we had negotiated a treaty for the limitation of naval armaments but neither of whom has destroyed anything other than obsolete ships. But, funny as Governments are, the people who finance them with taxes are funnier. Nowhere was any indignation voiced at the deliberate destruction of twenty million dollars' worth of bran new property. On every hand, however, there would have been organized opposition to the expenditure of that much money for a great highway or two across the continent or for the establishment of high schools in districts that are too destitute to maintain them. How many people stop to think that every time the Government wastes twenty million dollars it must replace the money by imposing taxes and making high prices on things the average citizen must buy, or that the high cost of staple goods is largely due to the high cost of Government?—Paris Appeal.

VALLEY ASSOCIATION MAKES APPEAL FOR TRISTATE BRIDGE

Cairo, Ill., December 7.—Speaking at the juncture of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to members of the American Legion from Southern Illinois, gathered on a steamer as part of the "All-Egyptian" Legion rally program here today, E. A. Smith, president of the Mississippi Valley Highway Association, made an appeal for the construction of the proposed tri-state memorial bridge linking the highways systems of Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky.

Smith emphasized the strategic importance of the bridge, both in peace and war, pointing to the enormous growth in highway transportation and to the military importance of Cairo during the civil war, when it served as the principal inland supply post of both the army and navy, Gen. Grant having made his headquarters here during the 1861 and 1862 campaign. "While these two great rivers served in the civil war as great military transportation carriers, in these times of peace they are national transportation carriers", said Mr. Smith.

"Construction of the tri-state bridge would forever bind the North and South, East and West."

"In memory of the ex-service men of the world war a bill was introduced at the last session of Congress by Congressman Fulbright of Missouri, authorizing a survey and estimate of the cost of a tri-state bridge at or near the injunction of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, for the purpose of determining the practicability and feasibility as a connecting link in the existing or proposed interstate highways, and as a memorial to ex-service men. This bill, along with others of similar nature introduced by Representative Denison of Illinois, Representative Barclay of Kentucky and Senator McKinley of Illinois, if favorably acted upon by the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, will provide a starting point for the construction of a grand, serviceable memorial, in perpetual memory to those who served their country and brought honor and glory to this nation, while serving the living for generations to come in a connected system of highway transportion".

"Railways are required by state statute to provide highway crossings over their rails at all important highway crossings for the public's use", added Mr. Smith. "Why should not the Federal Government be required to provide a highway crossing over its waterways at an important transportation gateway as a public convenience and necessity?"

The tri-state bridge would directly serve a population within a radius of 100 miles of about 1,900,000 people, he pointed out. The bridge would connect the interstate highways of Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky, having a population of 12,305,965 or about 11½ per cent of the total of the United States. The bridge, said Mr. Smith, has been indorsed by the Mississippi Valley Highway Association, the International Peace Highway Association and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

Christian Church

9:45—Sunday School.
6:30—Christian Endeavor.
You are cordially invited to attend these services.

A jury in Circuit Court at Caruthersville, Friday, found Late Duncan, a laborer of New Madrid, guilty of the murder last August of Claude Kelly of New Madrid and fixed his punishment at 10 years in the penitentiary. The jury deliberated almost two days and nights, having received the case at noon Wednesday. The case came here on a change of venue from New Madrid County Circuit Court. Kelly, a laborer, was killed in an argument about a woman. Duncan pleaded self-defense.

GOV. HYDE OUSTS DEMOCRAT AND APPOINTS REPUBLICAN

Jefferson City, Dec. 8.—Setting aside of the appointment of a Democrat as assessor of New Madrid County, which had been made by the New Madrid County Court, and appointment of a Republican, C. W. Stevenson of Lilbourn, to fill the assessor's office was announced today by Governor Hyde.

At the last election New Madrid County voted to do away with the township assessor plan, which has been in force there, and this automatically created the office of County Assessor the Governor stated. The County Court, Democratic in makeup, immediately appointed Floyd B. Gale, Democrat, for the job.

Republicans of the county took the matter up with the Governor's office and an opinion, based on past decisions of the Supreme Court, was rendered by the Attorney General to the effect the appointment should be made by the Governor. Hyde then appointed Stevenson, who was supported by the New Madrid County Republican Committee.

REINDEER COULD REPAY WHAT ALASKA COST U. S.

Washington, Dec. 8.—General use of Alaskan reindeer vension in the United States as an article of diet soon will be possible, depending merely on the matter of transportation, the Bureau of Education predicted today in an annual report, which said that Alaska's domestic herds now are worth $1,500,000 more than this government paid Russia in 1867 for the entire territory.

The industry, which began in 1892, when the bureau imported the first of the animals from Siberia, has developed until the herd at present numbers some 350,000, about 235,000 of which belong to the natives, who rely upon deer for a livelihood, as well as for food and clothing.

A problem confronting the bureau is to reorganize the industry on a co-operative basis so as to handle the increasing herds more efficiently and to market the meat more economically.

CASTRO, FORMER DICTATOR OF VENEZUELA, DIES IN EXILE

San Juan, P. R. December 5.—Cipriano Castro, former Venezuelan dictator, in exile here, died at midnight from hemorrhage of the stomach.

Gen. Castro, who was 66 years old, had resided here since 1916. He had been in ill health for years, but frequently was seen on the streets of San Juan, where he lived quietly with his wife and several near relatives.

Gen. Castro, who was frequently alluded to as the "stormy petrel of South America", was President of Venezuela from 1899 to 1908, when he started for Germany for an operation which the Venezuelan physicians were unwilling to perofrm.

When on ship off shore, Juan Vicente Gomez, whom Castro had left at the head of the Government, sent word to his former chief not to return nd ordered the Castro family to leave Venezuela within 24 hours.

The family settle here, this causing Castro to make Porto Rico his home years later.

NOTICE OF SALE OF BUSINESS AND FIRM DISSOLUTION

December 6, 1924

Notice is hereby given that the partnership between E. L. Toof and H. A. Toof, doing business in the name of Toof & Toof, Guthrie building, Paducah, Kentucky, has been dissolved by mutual ageement and H. A. Toof will continue the operation of said business under the name of Toof & Toof as the sole owner thereof and all accounts of said firm have been transferred accordingly.

The business of Toof & Toof in Sikeston, Mo., and Kennett, Mo., respectively has been sold to C. E. Gustafson of Memphis, Tenn., and said Toof & Toof will have no further connection of any character with the conduct of said businesses.

Probably there will not be a family in Sikeston who will not be visited by Santa Claus this year, but if there should be any children that may be forgotten it should be reported to some one. It costs so little to make children happy that each one of us should go out of our way to help them.

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No substance that refuses to dissolve in water has an odor. It is the actual substance itself, floating in the air, that appeals to the nose, and not simply a vibration of the air, as in the case of light and sound. The damper a thing is the more powerful odor it gives off. A pleasant proof of the fact can be had in walking in a garden after rain. There is no end to the curiosities of smell. It is, for instance, the vapor of a liquid that smells and not the liquid in the mass itself. If eau de Cologne be poured into the nostril, the nose refuses to recognize any odor there at all.

Why Pay More?

Potatoes, per peck	20c	Coffee, Maxwell House, 3-lb. can	$1.48
Navy Beans, choice, lb.	7c	Coffee, Maxwell House, 1-lb. can	52c
Granulated Sugar, lb.	8¼c	Coffee, Morning Joy, 1-lb. can	52c
Rice, Fancy Head, lb.	7c	Coffee, Evans' Anchor brand, can	50c
Oats, large package	19c	Coffee, Fancy Rio, can	30c
Oats, small pkg.	10c	Milk, Pet, large can	10c
Shredded Wheat, pkg.	12½c	Milk, Pet, small can	5c
Post Toasties, small size	10c	Pure Country Sorghum, gal.	$1.00
Post Toasties, large size	15c	Milk, Eagle Brand, can	19c
Kelloggs Bran, pkg.	10c	New South Sorghum, gal.	85c
Swansdown Cake Flour, large size	29c	New South Sorghum, ½ gal.	44c
Grape Nuts, pkg.	16c	Jelly Rex, 5-lb. bucket,	43c
Cream of Wheat, pkg.	21c	Syrup, White House, gal.	66c
Raisins, Sun Maid, 16 oz.	13c	Syrup, Domino, 2-lb. can	17c
Raisins, Sun Maid, bulk, lb.	10c	Soap, Laundry, all kinds, per bar	4c
Calumet Baking Powder, 1-lb. can	28c	Matches, Parlor, per box	4c
K. C. Baking Powder, 25-oz. can	21c	Evaporated Peaches, fancy, lb.	14c
Lipton's Tea, ½-lb. can	44c	Evaporated Apricots, Fancy, lb.	24c
Lipton's Tea, ¼-lb. can	24c	Evaporated Apples, Fancy, lb.	16c
Coffee, Fancy Peaberry, lb.	43c	Evaporated Prunes, Fancy, lb.	13c

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Pork Sausage, pure pork, lb.	15c	Fresh County Eggs, doz.	50c
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Bacon, Swift, box	38c		

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WARNING AGAINST INSURING IN UNLICENSED COMPANIES

Jefferson City Dec. 5.—Ben C. Hyde, Superintendent of the State Insurance Department, today issued warnings to about 25 of the larger insurance agencies in St. Louis, Kansas City and other cities, against writing of insurance policies in companies that are not licensed to do business in Missouri. Hyde stated the department had received complaints that a considerable amount of such insurance was being written by agents in Missouri.

The complaints center on policies of the London Lloyd Co., it was stated. This company is not licensed to do business in Missouri, and, according to the insurance department, has been denied a license by most of the states. The policies being written are a blanket form on property, coverig fire tornnado, storm, wind and other causes of damage.

The Lloyd Co. has been barred, it was said, because it writes the insurance at a rate lower than other companies can meet and has not complied with the State requirements on insurance.

Tuesday, a boy named Simmons, living East of Bernie, swallowed a cockle-burr while drawing his breath through his gloved hands. A surgeon from St. Louis, who was hunting near Bernie, was called on to relieve the lad, but refused such a delicate operation. He was brought to Dr. W. C. Dickerman here who performed an operation of tracheotomy, and the boy went back home Wednesday. Drs. Bennett and Craig assisted in the operation.—Dexter Statesman.

The most important natural product of Siam is teak-wood.

Four thousand yards of thread is the spinning record of a silk worm.

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DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST

NOTICE TO CITY TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given that your 1924 taxes are now due and will become delinquent January 1, 1925. Please call at my office in the City Hall and take care of same.

S. N. Shepherd, Collector City of Sikeston

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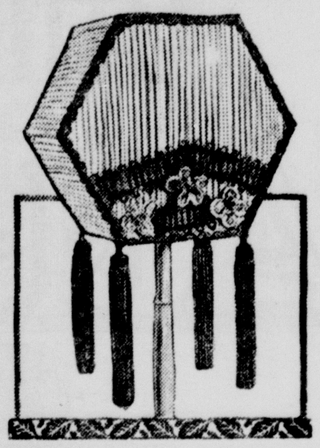

Happy is the home-maker who receives pretty lamp or candle shades at Christmas time—nothing helps more to deck out the house and make it cheerful. Here is a new shade made of thin silk, or fine crepe paper, in two colors, rose and light blue. A wire frame is first covered with the rose color, put in plain, and over this the light blue is plaited. Gold lace, silk or paper roses and four tassels finish off this novelty in shades.

MISSOURI WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Kansas City—Contracts to be awarded for construction of approximately 100 miles of hard-surface road between this city and St. Louis.

Jefferson City—Broadcasting station of Missouri State Marketing Bureau reopened.

Bolton—Establishment of pleasure resort under consideration.

Novinger—Farmers' Co-operative Association ships carload of hogs.

Webb City—Plans under way to construct two-way paved route thru city.

Stockton—Ozark Utilities Company constructing transmission line to Caplinger Mills.

Aurora—Approximately fourteen carloads of Ozark turkeys shipped to eastern markets.

Kansas City—Cornerstone laid for erection of First Lutheran church.

Excelsior Springs—Camp being established for construction of state highway to Elkhorn.

St. James—Cornerstone formally laid for new church.

Monett—Paving on Second, Third and Fourth streets being repaired.

Boonville—Right-of-way being secured for construction of hard-surface highway No. 2.

Kansas City—Tentative plans being prepared for Indiana avenue subway.

Creighton—Work on drainage ditch bridge south of town nearing completion.

St. Joseph—Twenty-five acre site purchased for construction of new city hospital.

Joplin—Riverside park to be converted into one of the best and most popular playgrounds in district.

Bunceton—Bonds voted for installation of modern fire equipment.

Carrollton—New Highway to Bowdry lake opened to traffic.

Kansas City—South roadway of Ward Park to be paved from Main street to Wornall road.

Warrensburg—Right-of-way being secured for proposed highway No. 13, 10 miles north of here.

Cassville—Mining activities thruout district unusually active; 300-ton mill being erected on Velton land.

Carthage—Barton County Petroleum Company organized to lease, prospect and develop oil, gas, coal, zinc and lead properties.

New Florence—Roads in course of construction throughout district to be pushed to completion.

Excelsior Springs—Liberty dairy shipping between four and five truckloads of milk daily to Kansas City.

Monett—Beatric Creamery Company opens local branch plant.

Funny Sprites for Tree

A funny sprite for the Christmas tree—looks as if he were dressed in a chrysanthemum. He stands guard over a little box whose contents are a sweet secret.

Wire wound with crepe paper makes his long arms and legs and supports his head of painted cardboard—and crepe paper provides his rakish cap and outstanding skirt. He will suggest other grotesque and amusing figures—to be made in the same way.

GAMBLERS RAIDED TUESDAY NIGHT

The negro cabin on Judge Carroll's lot by the Missouri Pacific track, near the school house, was the scene of a gambling game known as draw poker on Tuesday night of this week and seated at the table were Oscar Brown, a negro, the renter of the cabin, Doll Lyons, another negro and a pair of whites, O. L. Davis of Vanduser, and Luther Glass of Sikeston. Another negro was in the room, an innocent bystander as it were, as he was not in the game. Tom Monan, Frisco night man, informed Deputy Sheriff Burks, that he and officer Jim Noblin and looked thru a knot hole and saw the sports at the table, but Office Monan was convenently absent when Burks, Noblin and Tindley arrived at the negro cabin at 12:00 o'clock midnight. After each of the officers took a knot hole peep, they broke open the door and arrested all five occupants of the room. Doll Lyon and the innocent on-looker, and Luther Glass paid fines of $10 and costs, while Davis put put a talk that he would appear Wednesday and settle as he was almost compelled to return the car to Vanduser for the use of his wife, who needed the car. He had not returned Thursday morning. Brown was in jail Thursday morning with his case not disposed of. Willie Chambers was the name of the on-looker.

The Brown shack was equipped for all kinds of games as two dice cups with dice were taken as were two revolvers.

Just about the time the gamesters were turned lose, Officer Monan appeared. Davis told Deputy Sheriff Burks that Monan gave him the assurance that he (Monan) knew nothing of the proposed raid and had nothing to do with it. Glass told Burks that Monan said he tried to beat the raiders to the cabin to warn them, but didn't have time to get there.

The story above is as given The Standard by the Deputy Sheriff, who says he intends to prefer charges against Monan before the Board of Aldermen at their next meeting.

DOGHILL PARAGRAPHS

Frisby Hancock's friends are advising him to apply for a patent on a rocking chair attachment which will turn a grindstone.

Clab Hancock's yellow mule, Agnes, kicked her way out of the barn on Wednesday night and left for parts unknown. Clab says the finder may keep her, and no questions asked, but kindly return the hatter.

The proprietor of the livery stable got word that some Washington senators had organized a baseball nine and won the championship. The wooden-legged man of Calf Ribs said he always understood senators were hired to make laws and cut down the taxes.

Yam Sims ventured out in the rain last Sunday and got the rubber in his gaiter shoes wet; now he cannot make much progress until he gets some washers to go on his ankles.

Sap Spradlen sneezed so loud today he could be heard for some distance. It is not known whether he was just trying to attract attention or could not help it when he looked at the sun.

The Tin Peddler, who recently sold Jefferson Potlocks a washpan and bar of soap on the installment plan, has not noticed a financial improvement in himself, but he does notice a temporary change for the better in Jeff.

Cricket Hicks says it looks like he gets the worst of it every time he seeks advice. Today he asked Luke Mathewsla, our oldest inhabitant, for some advice as how to start out the day and what should be done first and Luke after relighting his pipe told Sid that by far the first thing to be done every morning was to put on his clothes.

Atlas Peck, who up to the election admitted he didn't know who was going to get elected, is now declaring he knew all the time how it was going.

By a new French invention, the pilot of an airplane in case of accident pulls a lever, the fuselage opens like a big umbrella, and plane and passenger float down to earth.

So far as is known, the building which really deserves the distinction of being the largest building in the world is the eight-story warehouse of the United States army base in Brooklyn. It contains fifty-two acres of floor space, nearly twice that of the Equitable Building in New York City.

The first man to use electric lights on the American stage was Bolossy Kiralfy, a veteran theatrical producer, who introduced this manner of lighting more than fifty years ago in his first New York playhouse. He was assisted by Thomas Edison, who has among his cherished possessions a program of that show on which appears, "Novel electric effects by the Edison Electric Light Company, under the personal direction of Mr. Thomas Edison".

BUILDING AND LOAN SELLING NEW STOCK

In the accordance with the instruction of the new Board of Directors of the Sikeston Building and Loan Association, the Secretary has been "talking up" the local Association to prospective shareholders with the result that 126 new shares have been subscribed since December 1st, as follows:

	Shares
Harry Lampert	15
J. R. Shuppert	10
J. A. Andres	10
J. Edgar White	10
Mary Presnell	10
B. J. Sands	10
John A. O'Hara	7
W. W. Scott	7
Steve G. Witt	6
Mary Jane Sikes	5
Nancy A. Key	5
H. H. Martin	5
Chas. M. Lancaster	5
Mrs. R. S. Coleman	5
E. H. Smith	5
W. M. Krefoot	5
Pearl Jones	5
Sylvia Arbaugh (paid up stock)	1

You will agree that this is a good beginning and that all the shareholders should be greatly encouraged to talk the building and loan idea on all hands. It is a significant fact that you never hear any objections to the building and loan plan. Any sensible man or woman who has the plan explained to them, readily grasps the salient features and endorses it in its entirety. No one turns down building and loan because fo lack of faith in it—too many other obligations may prevent subscriptions of shares, however.

As a safe, sane and sensible savings and investment you can't beat building and loan. Where can you invest your money so that a little over $600 spread over a period of 10 years will yield you over $300 in accumulations? If you want to own your own home—buy or build through building and loan. You get all your money right off the reel and pay it back like rent. In ten years time or less you own your home.

If you are interested yourself or if you know of anyone else who is interested, please get in touch with the Secretary at the Chamber of Commerce room, telephone 526, who will be glad to explain the plan in detail.

It has been discovered by an archeologist that gloves were worn by both the ancient Egyptians and the ancient Hebrews.

An entire city block has been purchased on Washington Heights, New York City, the loftiest section of the metropolis, and a twenty-four story Romanesque cathedral known as Broadway Temple will be erected by the Methodist Episcopal Church. This will be a modern apartment house capable of housing five hundred persons, with playgrounds on the roof. The money derived from rentals will be put toward the cost of the building and to help other churches.

PERSONAL NEWS

Of Town and Country

Mrs. Randol Wilson entertained with Bridge Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lynn Stallcup is spending this week in Memphis, Tenn., with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pitman and son Harold spent Sunday and Monday in Piggott, Ark.

Mrs. J. Stewart Blackton spent several days of this week with her husband in Gideon.

Mrs. David Lewis of Bertrand was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Fox and family, Sunday.

C. E. Martin of Sedalia arrived on Tuesday for a few days visit with his sister, Mrs. G. P. Van Arsdale, Sr., and family.

Mesdames Harry Dover, Albert Wylie, Harry Young, Clarence Felker and Miss Josephine Robinson spent Wednesday in Cape Girardeau.

We regret to say that Judge Lescher is still confined to his home and is a very sick man. He has had some excessively hard chills and is quite weak. Dr. Presnell is attending him.

Dean Limbaugh stood for a grocery bill for a negro tenant. The negro started to the cotton field the other morning, but failed to return. On investigation, Dean found his team tied to a saplin and the negro gone. Now a $70 grocery bill is waiting to be paid.

There is a joint run by a negro man on the Frank Smith farm just south of Sikeston that shou'd be called to the attention of the officers of New Madrid County, and especially to Mr. Smith. This honk-a-tonk is frequented by white women as well as negroes and is certainly a rotten spot by the road. Last week "Vinegar Jim" was relieved of $65 by some of the frequenters. The Vigalantes should take note.

The D. A. R. met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Anderson Saturday afternoon with Miss Adilda McCord and Mrs. Anderson as hostesses. Mrs. Thos. Mather was leader for the afternoon, her subject being "Early American Literature". Four young girls danced the Minuet. Mrs. G. P. Martin of Arrow Rock gave an interesting talk on Historic Old Tavern at Arrow Rock, which has been purchased by the D. A. R. to be used as a State Chapter House. Mrs. David Woods of St. Louis was another out-of-town guest.

The Standard s of he opinion that the talk of contesting the election of Sam Baker as Governor is nonsense. There is no doubt but what hundreds of illegal votes were cast by negroes in Southeast Missouri, but when it comes down to a contest to overcome Baker's majority, we don't believe they can find enough to put Nelson in. To contest such a majority with the evidence in sight would be poor politics. The Democrats were so smoothly and so decisively beaten that it did not hurt nearly as bad as some would think.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR W. B. A.

The W. B. A. elected the following officers at their meeting Monday night.

Commander, Mrs. Minnie Anderson.

Lieut. Commander, Mrs. Belle Morrison.

Past Commander, Mrs. Frances Moody.

Chaplain, Mrs. Vetha Killgore.

Record Keeper, Mrs. Effie Carter.

Collector—Mrs. John Fox.

Lady at Arms, Mrs. Robert McCarthy.

Sargeant, Mrs. Stella Moll.

Sentinel, Mrs. Gussie Cole.

Pickett, Mrs. Neal Kornegger.

Jr. Commander, Mrs. Mattie Inman.

Queen's Advisor, Mrs. Myrtle Marshall.

Captain of Guards, Mrs. Freda Corzine.

Color Bearer, 1 and 2, Mrs. Mary Limbaugh and Mrs. Gertrude Talley.

Insigns, 1 and 2, Mrs. Mable Moffit and Mrs. Levy Smith.

Mrs. Phil Gervig entertained Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of this week with Bridge.

Mohammedans will eat no meat unless a prayer it uttered while one of their own religion cuts the throats of the animal.

Mrs. R. P. Stubblefield and small daughter of Chaffee arrived Monday for a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollister.

Arnold Stone is one of the many who have been afflicted with a severe cold. He appeared to be improving, came down town and had to go back to bed, threatened with pneumonia.

With the completion of highway No. 16 from Poplar Bluff to Jefferson City, one of he most beautiful routes in Missouri will be opened to tourists and vacationists. It is planned to have this road finished in time for the next summer traffic, according to local highway officers.

Mrs. C. M. Smith, Sr., who has been ill the past several weeks, is recovering nicely and is able to be up now.

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We have a few slightly soiled Dolls which we are closing out at very low figures. See them.

H AND S ECONOMY STORE

One Fundamental Principle

By J. B. M. CLARK

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WHEN Kate Ogilvie heard privately that it was the pretty girl in Rev. Mr. Haywood's choir who had thrown over an admirer on the strength of advice from "Molly Molloy" of the "Heartsease" page of the Montreal Weekly Meteor, she experienced a sudden distaste for her job. For she herself was Molly Molloy, and had heretofore given counsel on affairs of the heart with a zest that the subsequent enthusiasm of the recipients invariably whetted, and which was rarely dampened by untoward happenings.

In this particular case, on the testified diffidence and lack of resolution of a needy suitor, she had advised bringing an unsatisfactory "understanding" to an end and the accepting of a wealthy, if elderly, admirer. And the passionate cry of the discarded one: "To h—l with Molly Molloy! You might have given me a white man's chance to make good!" borne through strange channels to her ears, made her so sick at heart that she threw up a good position and went to visit an old college chum in Los Angeles. Later, liking the new environment, she sought to re-enter the newspaper world, but finding conditions difficult in the Pacific coast city, went pro tem into the receiving department of a dry goods store as a bookkeeper. And there, in the course of the following year, she made the acquaintance of Charlotte Bosbyshell and Richard Appleton.

Charlotte Bosbyshell (known as "Bobby") was twenty-one years of age and reasonably attractive, but having no steady beau was obsessed by the bleakness of the outlook. She had been in the receiving department for two years. Appleton, who had drifted down from Seattle or somewhere in the North, was understood to be aiming at the "movies." He was nearer thirty than twenty and was of a studious turn. Bobby decided that he would suit her and she strove to captivate him, even seeking advice from Waddington, the married head of the department.

"Well, I can't help you," said Waddington. "Whom do you want to vamp now?"

"Oh, no one special," replied Bobby truthfully. But she showed Appleton photographs of herself in hiking attire and contrived to be near the door when he left at night so that they might go to the car together.

Kate Ogilvie, who was nearer Appleton's own age, discussed ecclesiastical questions with him, particularly serfdom, but did not approve of his solution of state endowment of motherhood, fearing that it might lead to a worse serfdom still. They talked over this and kindred topics, and discovered they had much in common. He took her to shows on several occasions. . . . Once they had supper together . . . on one of their outings they met Bobby.

Bobby asked Kate quite frankly at the first opportunity if there was anything serious between her and Mr. Appleton, as she herself was getting very fond of him. Besides, Bobby understood from something Kate had once said, that she was interested in "somebody 'back East'"—But she really wasn't. "Nothing at all, Bobby," said Kate cheerily. "Go ahead, my dear. I wish you luck."

Although generous, Bobby did not see very deeply into things, and she told Appleton at the first opportunity. It did settle him. He was inclined to dislike it, and thought Kate was trying to be funny about his hurt. He got his chance in the "movies" soon after this, and quit rapid headway. They heard he was doing well. He found a place for Bobby after a time, first as an extra, and then in a minor part. She had some natural talent and she worked hard. And after a time, things having become so very different, Bobby fell in love with a camera man and married him.

Whether or not Appleton was greatly concerned is difficult to ascertain at this time. He was greatly engrossed in the career that lay ahead of him. A somewhat piquant situation was unexpectedly created by his old love, suddenly left a rich young widow, coming out to look for him and forgiveness. It was not to be had at any price, but inadvertently she gave him full particulars about how she had not put the case quite properly to Molly Molloy—had in fact cherished some hope that what had actually happened might take place, for she had been aware that the elderly suitor was delicate. But Appleton had been so bitter in his anger that she did not like to explain, and so had blamed everything on Molly Molloy.

"The trouble with you, Kate," said Appleton soon after, taking hold of her chin and turning her face to his, "is that with all your knowledge of affairs of the heart, and your supposed deep understanding of their workings, you have missed one very fundamental principle, namely, that a man can very rarely be 'wished' off from one woman to another. Why didn't you tell me you were Molly Molloy—especially as you had a clear case—?"

"I didn't know how you might take it," she said, her eyes drooping. "The clear case might have been difficult to establish. I didn't want to lose your respect. . . . And so . . ."

"And so you did the foolish thing!" he suggested, kissing her.

"Yes," she replied, with wonderful meekness for so self-confident and erudite a person.

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MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

$50.00 values $39.75
$40.00 values $32.75
$35.00 values $27.50
$30.00 values $23.75
$25.00 values $18.75
$22.50 values $16.95
One lot of Suits and Overcoats, values to $25.00, while they last $14.95
One lot of Overcoats, extra good values $9.95

MEN'S UNDERWEAR

Men's extra heavy fleeced Union Suits, $1.50 values, while they last $1.29
Men's heavy ribbed Union Suits, $1.50 to $1.75 values, while they last $1.19
Men's heavy fleeced and heavy ribbed Shirts and Drawers, $1.00 values, while they last 79c

BOYS' UNDERWEAR GREATLY REDUCED

MEN'S HEAVY SHIRTS

$5.00 to $6.00 values, while they last $3.95
One lot of Army Shirts, with lined bosoms and double elbows, also fancy plaid, $3.00 values closing out at $1.95
One lot of khaki and heavy wool mixed, two pockets, full cut, $2.50 values, now going at .. $1.45
One lot of fancy plaids, $1.95 values, while they last $1.25
One lot of heavy Flannelette Shirts in blue, grey and khaki, $1.00 values, now going at 79c

MEN'S BLUE AND GREY WORK SHIRTS

Extra full cut, two pockets, in blue, grey and khaki, $1.00 to $1.25 values, now going at 85c
One lot of blue Shirts, genuine Amokaeg Chambray, extra good values at 75c, now going at .. 59c

MEN'S OVERALLS

Regular $1.75 grade Overalls, now $1.35
One special lot of Overalls of well-made 2.20 weight, now going at $1.25

MEN'S HOSE

Heavy all-wool Work Sox, now going at 39c
Heavy wool mixed Work Sox, now going at 15c
Men's white toe and heel, also genuine Rockford Work Sox, regular 25c values, now 15c
Men's grey and blue mixed imitation Rockford Sox, now going at 10c
One lot of Men's Dress Sox, per pair 8c
Good grade Canvas Gloves, per pair 12c
Heavy Jersey Gloves, 25c values, pair 17c
Men's White Handkerchiefs 4c

MEN'S DRESS HOSE

$1.00 to $1.25 values 89c
75c to $1.00 values 59c
50c values 39c
25c to 40c values 20c
One lot Men's Dress Wool Hose, some values to $1.50, while they last, per pair 49c

MEN'S SWEATERS

Extra heavy all pure virgin worsted in all colors, $10.95 values, while they last $8.95
Good grade all-wool and worsted, $9.95 values, now going at $7.95
One very good number, $6.50 value, now $4.95
Few slip-over Men's Sweaters, in all-wool, $4.95 values, while they last $2.95
One lot wool $3.50 values $2.75
Good grade of half wool mixed, $2.50 values, now going at $1.75
One lot extra heavy Sweaters, $1.50 values, now going at $1.19

Boys' Sweaters Also Greatly Reduced.

$7.75 values $4.95
$5.00 values $2.95
$3.50 values $2.45
$2.75 values $1.95
One lot of Boys' Sweaters, values to $1.50, now .. 95c

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Extra heavy Moleskin and Corduroy, also the well-known Headlight Snag-Proof Trousers, all $3.50 to $4.00 values, while they last $2.75
One lot of khaki color Moleskin, $3.50 values, an exceptionally good value, now going at .. $2.45
$2.50 values on heavy khaki Trousers going at .. $1.95
One lot of only a few larger sizes in khaki trousers, while they last at $1.25

MEN'S HEAVY WORK COATS

Extra heavy Moleskin Sheep-Skin Lined, four pockets and belt, $11.50 values $8.75
Heavy Duck Sheep-Skin Lined, $10.95 values, while they last $7.45
Men's heavy blanket lined Duck Coats, $4.50 values, going at $3.45
One lot of Boys' Coats, same as the men $2.95

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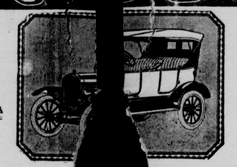

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The shortness of our crops and the extreme mildness of the weather are responsible for a surplus in our store of desirable winter merchandise. In order to reduce our stock before inventory we are throwing out on sale our entire stock at ridiculous prices.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19, at 3:30 P. M. A FORD TOURING CAR WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. During This Sale You Will Have Double Opportunity To Own It. Our sale will open with a host of bargains. Our prices cannot be equalled or our quality surpassed. A visit with us will make you glad. Come early and come now.

This sale will prove to be the best friend of the economical Christmas shopper. It comes right at a time when you will want to make your Christmas purchases. You will find plenty of gift suggestions here—and at unheard-of-before-Christmas prices.

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You will wonder how we can do it when you see these values!

For Men

Tan smoked outing bals . . $2.19
Heavy brown bluchers, soft or hard cap 2.29
50 pairs high grade tan and brown calf bluchers and bals, $10 value 3.85
Men's Oxfords—1 lot black and brown values from $5 to $7.50 . . 3.85
Men's genuine Goodyear welt, tan army shoes, new stock . . 3.95

SHOES!

For Ladies

One lot of oxfords and straps in kid, calf and suede, values from $6 to $8.50 $3.8
Black suede, 3-strap beaded absolutely new . . $4.9
Patent and suede tie pump, with low Spanish heel, absolutely new 4.9
Plain patent pump with pretty shaped heel, absolutely new 4.9
Misses' nobby patent one-strap cut out pump, with low heel, absolutely new 4.9
Patent one-strap low heel slipper 2.4

SHOES!

Plain toe patent blucher oxford Goodyear welt and low heel . 4.39
Black kid slipper, two strap, military heel, $6.50 value . . 3.85
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LADIES' DRESSES

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A few extra good values going at $3.95

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One lot of Hats, some real nifty styles, going in this sale at, each 98c

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Gambling With Death

By J. U. GIERSY

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THE Doctor and Death played the hand. An iron bed was the table across the white surface of which they faced one another as opponents. Upon it lay the stake—a girl, dark-haired as night, white faced as those little counters men use in playing games of chance.

The Doctor glanced at her closed eyes, her parted lips, and it seemed to him that Death held the stronger hand.

Under the light of the shaded hospital lamp he examined his own. Very carefully he ran over the cards upon his handling of which the outcome hung. He studied each in turn. There was the regular prescription. At best it had proved a poor card. There was his hypodermic needle on a white enameled table, with its group of small bottles of tablets—good, at best, only for the riding over of an emergency of weakened vitality. There was adrenalin. There was a tank of oxygen. With it he could prolong the struggle—probably no more. Surely it was a poor hand he held.

Sitting silent he summed up his adversary's strength. There was a failing heart, a labored respiration, obtunding nervous sensibility, the delirium of a fever-poisoned brain—four cards, any one of which meant victory for his opponent unless he himself could fill his hand with a better. He glanced at the woman's husband, while his fingers groped lightly for her thready pulse.

The husband was a young man. His eyes met the doctor's in the dumb appeal of mental misery. "How is she?" he framed with his lips rather than spoke the question in his brain.

The physician shook his head slightly. Then with a steady hand he made his first stake. Filling the hypodermic with a tablet in solution he deftly injected the contents into the girl's white arm.

Death paused ere he returned the lead. Almost it seemed to the Doctor that he hesitated before the bold front of the man against whom he played. Very slowly the thread of the pulse under examining finger gained volume. A half hope stirred correspondingly in his heart. He glanced at the husband again, hesitated, sensed the pulse once more—it faltered, was falling. Death played his return—he had raised.

The husband came to the bed. "Is there any hope?" he begged.

"There must be," the Doctor whispered. He was making ready his next play. Again he sat down and looked across at Death with a grim defiance in his eyes.

Death raised.

Cold perspiration dewed the physician's forehead. As one acting from predetermination he dropped the regular medicine far back upon the patient's tongue.

Death scarcely noticed the action. The effect was negative. It was as though he leered above a winning hand.

"Is there any hope?" The voice of the husband again.

"It's a gamble—a gamble," the physician heard himself answer while his mind ran over the game he played. He had been bluffing and Death knew it. Of what use to bluff with Death? In his wearied condition it came to him half seem that he would seize the grim specter across the bed. In the dim light his opponent took on the seeming of a personality. Seizing the oxygen tank, he wheeled it to the bed, adjusted its mask to the girl's face.

Again it appeared that his adversary paused. A little color crept into the lips of the woman, her chest heaved less painfully. But would it—would it last? "Way back in his mind the Doctor knew that once more Death would raise. He glanced at the husband. He was his last card.

"She's a little better, isn't she?" the younger man asked.

"She needs blood—blood," said the Doctor hoarsely. "She needs good, healthy blood. Boy—will you give it to her?"

"How?" The reply was eager, firm.

With a quick stride the Doctor reached a small table, drew it into the circle of light. He swept his arm above the instruments upon it. "Some your arm to hers—transfusion," he returned.

The husband merely nodded, removed his coat, began rolling back his sleeve.

Little by little, as the man grew paler, the woman's color improved. Little by little the pulse under the Doctor's fingers grew firmer, steadied—the breathing attuned itself. His eyes staring into the black sockets of the specter with whom he gambled, he stood and waited.

Suddenly he chuckled the flow, removed the tubes and cast them from him. He began to laugh, softly, as a chuckle—louder and louder, until the cachinnation rang through the room in horrible waves of an almost insane exultation.

Her arm about him, the nurse steadied him from the room, and still as he went he laughed. "Beaten! I've beaten you, Death! I held it back on you, Death! It was my ace in the hole! You thought you had me—but I beat you! I beat you, Death—with life!"

Yet no one wondered at this overwrought emotion, for the woman was the Doctor's only child.

FLORIDA MIDWEST HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

Following is a report to members of the Advisory Committee of the Floriad Midwest Highway, of which you are a member, by J. E. Crump, assisting managing director and E. M. McBride, a field reperesentative, of a marking and publicity trip which they have just completed thru the north and northwest:

"We drove from Pensacola to Memphis with the Florida Midwest Highway Motorcade, November 17. From Memphis we drove to St. Louis via Sikeston and Cairo; from St. Louis to Kansas City to Omaha; from Omaha to La Salle, Illinois, via De Moines, Iowa; from La Salle to Chicago; and from Chicago back to Jackson.

"We stopped for a while in practically every town of any consequence along the line. Members for the Advisory Committee were secured through commercial organization in all of the pivotal cities. Our reception evreywhere was more than cordial. We were pledged the enthusiastic support for the new highway project which is a five-days' shorter trip to nad from Florida to the Middle West. 'Sorves a long felt want' is the way most of them spoke of the route.

"The roads through Missouri, Kansas and Iowa are excellent graded, but there are only a few spots of surfacing. From La Salle, Illinois, to Chicago, Illinois south to Memphis there are only 22 miles of unsurfaced road and the Highway Department in Missouri in which this stretch lies, assured us that this stretch wou'd always be kept open for travel. From Memphis to Mobile we struck only 18 miles of unsurfaced roads, and this is being rapidly graveled and is oppen for all weather travel. From Mobile to Pensacola are 33 miles of unsurfaced road—this is suitable for all weather travel, and is now being put in excellent shape.

"Our trip netted hundreds of new friends for the Highway projject and scores of columns of publicity in northern and western newspapers. We were elated with the prospects of travel over the Florida Midwest Highway which has been assured us by different routing bureaus on whom we called".

Matthews

W. H. Deane went to New Madrid Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele were Cape Girardeau visitors Monday.

Mr. Moore who has been working at the cotton gin here, left Saturday for his home in Arkansas.

J. Crank of Blytheville, Ark. arrived in Matthews Tuesday on a visit to his uncle, Henry Crank.

Willie Sutton spent Monday in Charleston with Ollie Warren.

W. O. Carroll spent the week-end in St. Louis on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Swartz and children and Mrs. W. O. Carroll attended the show in Sikeston Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolen Henderschott and babe of Sikeston were in Matthews, Monday.

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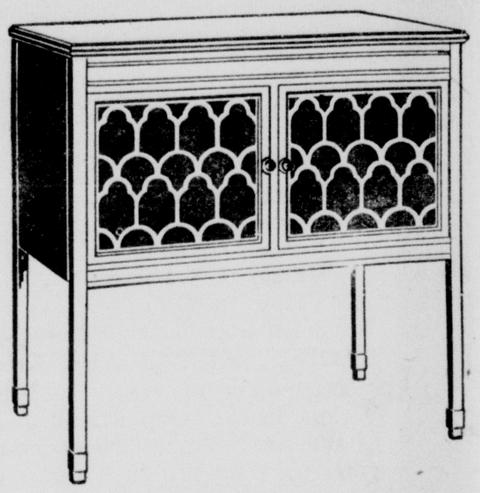

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Tuberculosis, one of the deadly diseases, which fights its victims from ambush and strikes the rich, the poor, the brilliant, the supid, the weak and the strong, can be controlled and conquered.

Are you willing to assist with the control of Tuberculosis in New Madrid County? The Christmas seals, which are sent out by the Missouri Tuberculosis Association and are being sold by the school children thruout the county, wi'l help us in fighting this discase. Fifty per cent of the proceeds from the Christmas seal sale will be used in New Madrid County in the next year, especially for educational work and treatment of utbercular persons or persons who have been exposed to tuberculosis.

In the last two years the New Madrid County Health Unite has helped fifty-eight persons afflicted with tuberculosis, placing sixteen in institutions and supervising their families and those exposed. Those too far advanced for hospital treatment have been seen in their homes and instructed as to care of themselvse as we'l as their families.

There is still a great deal to be done nad much can be accomplished through the educaton of our children, through regular pphysical examinations, and the education of those who are already victims of tuberculosis.

Drops of water, asserted by natural scientists to be more than ten million years old, preserved in quartz, is exhibited in Field Museum, Chicago. The water is clear and spark'ing in its crystal container. It was found imprisoned in crystal quartz in rock formation near Bahi, Brazil.

Cement Bids Asked For

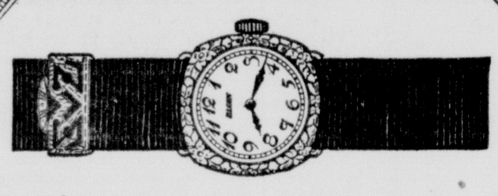
Jefferson City, Dec. 10.—Bids will be received by the State Highway Commission here December 19 on 1,200,-000 barrels of cement, estimated as the needs of the Highway Department for road connstruction durng 1925. Cost of the cement is estimated by department engineers at more than $2,000,000. This does not include a supply of 300,000 barrels aa year now received by the department from a cement plant at Mildred, Kan., under contract.

On the same day the commission will receive bids on construction of approximately 70 miles of roads and three small bridges, at an estimated cost of $1,000,000. The 22 projects are in Grundy, Marion, Clinton, Miller, Platte, Ralls, Camden, Montgomery, Cole, Texas, Douglas, Lawrence, Dent and St. Francois counties. When contracts are let for this work, approximately $7,500,000 in road work will have been placed under contract since adoption of initiative proposition No. 5, on November 4.

Fatal accidents in the streets of London vary with the days of the week, Friday and Saturday being the worst and Sunday the best, in this respect.

The habit of touching wood when we have boasted of our good luck is a throwback to the ancient tree worshippers. The primitive belief was that spirits resided in trees and wood was touched to call the attention of the tree spirit to the fact that his influence was recognized, and that he might not feel slighted and change good fortune into bad.

XMAS GIFTS



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TWENTIETH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

"Section 1. The Congress sha'l have power to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of ppersons under eighteen years of age".

"Section 2. The power of the several sates is unimpaired by this article, except that the operation of State laws shall be suspended to the extent necessary to give effect to legis'ation enacted by the Congress".

The above proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is being submitted to the States for ratification by the Legislatures. The Missouri General Assembly will be asked to ratify this Amendment at its next session in January.

There is a very great deal of sentiment in favor of this Amendment, especial'y among the women of Missouri who generally understand it as being a proposition to protect children of tender age from hazardous or unhealthful occupations. A careful reading of the Amendment itself in conjunction with a study of hearings before congressional committees and speeches made in the House and Senate will, demonstrate very clearly that the Amendment was drafted in order that Congress may have the power to pass legislation which will not on'y prevent the employment of all "persons" under eighteen years of age, but may prevent these same "persons" from doing any sort of work—at home, on the farm or in any line of business with or without pay.

The whole idea of the measure is socialistic, its original chief supporters being men and women who have for years been known as socialists. Victor Berger, the congressman from Milwaukee expressed himself in the following manner: "This is, of course, a socialistic measure;—that is why I support it".

Senator Reed in a speech before the Senate at the last session claimed that this Amendment would affect more than forty million persons in the United States, and through congressiona' legislation, would give control over this number to a Federal Bureau wheih would necessarily have to be established by Congress at an immense cost to the taxpayers.

The claim is made by proponents of the measure, including the American Federation of Labor, that over one million children under fifteen years of age are gainfully employed in the United States. The insinuation in this statement is that all of these children are employed in hazardous or unhea'thful occupations. The report by census enumerators in 1920 includes 1,060,858 children, ten to fifteen years of age in that year, of which 647,309, or 61 per cent, were reported to be in agricultural pursuits—88 per cent of these as laborers on the home farm.

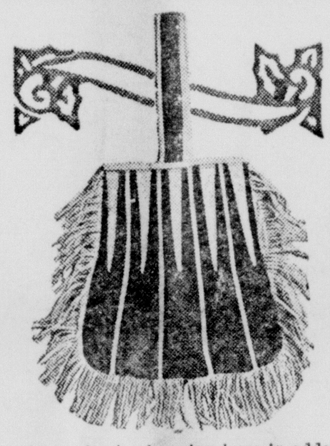
The same Government report is as follows: "The Census of 1920 records a considerable decrease since 1910 in the number of children reported at work. Of them, the total child population of ten to fifteen years of age inclusive, increased 15.5 per cent during this period, the number of working children reported decreased almost half, or 46.7 per cent. A corresponding decrease took place in the proportion of chi'dren of these ages who are emeployed in gainful occupation, from 18.4 per cent in 1910 to 8.5 per cent in 1920."

It is our contention that the principal document upon which this Government is founded, the Constitution of the United States, should not be amended except in an emergency or because of a great popular demand, and since there is no evidence of either at the present time, it does not seem possible that the Legislature of Missouri will ratify such an Amendment.

Every state in the Union now has a Child Labor Statute protecting children in industry. No State and no country in the world has a law prohibiting the labor or persons up to eighten years of age.

This is not a Child Labor Amendment as it proposes to "limit, regulate and prohibit" the labor of young men or young women most of whom desire to work as a part of their education or must work in order to live.

Novel Shopping Bag



A novelty in shopping bags is added to the list of these always-welcome gifts this year. It is about ten inches long and is made of light brown and white suede leather or of suede velours or duvetine and lined with silk. The pipings, pointed insets and fringe are in white. When other fabrics than suede leather are used the fringe may be of ribbon or silk.

An innovation that promises to revolutionize golf is the lighting of the courses by means of flood light projectors, the artificial light being so brilliant that the players have no difficulty in following the balls.

Christmas Pillows

Handsome and comfort-giving cushions are among the Christmas gifts that always delight either men or women. These cushions are very practical when made of black satin or sateen and decorated with a band of wide figured ribbon in brilliant patterns.

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County Collector Emil Steck of Benton was in Sikeston Thursday looking after business. While here he paid The Standard a call.

Congress should pass the constitutional amendment to stop the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, and put it before the state legislatures for early adoption.

A special meeting of the City Council was called Friday evening, December 5 to pass an ordinace regulating traffic in the city limits and to discuss locations for new boulevard stops.

The rear passenger coach of the Tickville train, which lately has been sagging in the middle, stuck fast on a culvert at Gimlet Creek last Tuesdya. The engineer was eating hickory nuts when the accident occurred and did not miss the coach until he reached Hog Ford.

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FOR SALE—New Globe Hot Blast heatnig stove, first class condition.—John G. Powell.

FOR RENT—200 acres of good farm land near Sikeston. Good improvements. Inquire Standard office. 1tpd.

LOST—Somewhere on Ruth Street toward the Frisco station, a medicine case. Leave at White's Drug Store. 1tpd.

FOR SALE—Shelving parts, bins, wall racks, Oldsmobile, Chevrolet and Dodge parts oil and grease and a lot of other stock.—L. C. Erdmann, phone 302.

FOR SALE—Farm, 245 acres, one mile east of Sikeston. Will sell in body or cut up to suit.—John A. Matthews, Sikeston. Phone 216. tf.

FOR SALE—230 acres in cultivation, 3¼ miles from Sikeston on gravel road. Excellent improvements. $1,000 down. Apply at Standard office. 1tpd.

LEGHORNS FOR SALE—Have 50 S. C. dark brown Leghorn hens or pullets for sale. H. V. Thernolian strain of Portland, Ind. $1 each.—Joe Crouthers, Sikeston, R. 3 box 60. tf.

MISSOURI WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Kansas City—Eight large residences to be constructed in vicinity of Sixty-seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue.

St. Johns—Cornerstone laid for new Baptist church.

Rockport—Modern high school building being erected.

Slater—Concrete being poured on Missouri river bridge on Waverly highway.

Wyaconda—Keokuk Canning Company to open pickle station here next year.

Trenton—Work on new road projects in Grundy County to start in January.

Pierce City—Work started on Lawrence-Barry County line road.

Perryville—International Shoe Co. selects site for erection of factory.

Cameron—New light, power and water filtration plants completed and placed in use.

De Witt—Work being rushed on steel and concrete bridge connecting Carroll and Lafayette counties.

Jamesport—Congregation of M. E. church erecting new edifice.

Republic—Modern shoe factory being constructed here.

South St. Joseph—Contract to be awarded for grading Valley street.

Kansas City—Plans being made to reorganize Centrloopis Bank, closed November 14.

Branson—First carload of machinery unloaded for proposed dam at Table Rock.

St. Joseph—Larabee mills being operated at full capacity with night and day shifts.

Republic—Construction of transmission line into this city being rushed.

Excelsior Spring—Modern creamery opened on Thompson avenue.

Kansas City—Big hill on Reidy road being leveled to 6 and 7 per cent grade.

Union Plans being completed for Frankline county highway work during coming season.

A good time for everyone at the Baptist Church Fair Friday and Saturday nights.

Mesdames Clay Stubbs, Earl Johnson, Earl Pate, Sam Brady and Fred Freeman spent Tuesday in Cairo.

A few days ago a rope and twine drummer by mistake it was thought, gave the mayor of Tickville a sample of 3-inch rope instead of a cigar. The mayor smoked it half up before he discovered the error.

In co-operation with the Chemical Warfare Service work is being carried on by the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Depaartment of Agriculture with the so-called war gases and other material sdeveloped at the Edgewood (Md.) arsenal. Many of these substances have been tested for the purpose of determining their availability in insect-control work and for other practical uses. A few have been found which give promise of value. A smoke candle for use in greenhouses has beenn developed and is being tested on a commercial scale. It seems to have a distinct place in greenhouse insect-control work.

Dinner Buckets and Tax-Exempts

Congress should pass the constitutional amendment to stop the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, and get it before the state legislatures for early adoption.

These bonds have a tenndency to increase public expenditures, by making money too easy to borrow. But their great harm is in establishing a higher rate of interest for money needed in all lines of business and farming.

For the man with a big inncome, the tax-free bond is worth two or even three times as much as taxed industrials. Therefore, he puts his money into untaxed public securities, and his return on these as compared with return on industrials fairly establishes the value of all investment. But for the courage of the small investor, who puts his money into operating industries, and then pays all the tax bills to boot, productive enterprise would be severly crippled because of the withdrawal of big money from business. Tax exemptions force up the rate of interest for every other form of investment, public and private, and so make industry carry a heavy handicap.

Tax-exempt securities destroy interest in worthy investments which build up payrolls and keep the dinne bucket brigade going.

Lyman Fox spent Sunday in Bloomfield with Buddy Buck.

Jesse Layton, who has been quite ill with typhoid, is able to sit up now.

A beehive contains usually one queen, from 300 to 400 drones, and 40,000 workers.

Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. Tuck of Cape Girardeau visited with Mrs. G. J. Layton, Tuesday.

Mrs. M. Frankle of New Madrid is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Carroll Myer.

E. Clein of Fidelity, Ill., was in Sikeston a few days this week looking after business interests.

Mrs. A. C. Sikes entertained with a Bridge party Tuesday night at her home on South Kingshighway.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Freeman spent the week-end in Cape Girardeau visiting H. E. La Rue and family.

"Winter courses" in agriculture are given at many European universities, when the students can be spared from actual farm work.

It is said that a Chinese carpenter can look at a place that has to be repaired, and go back to his bench and cut the boards so that they will fit exactly. He has trained his sense of sight to give him exact knowledge.

The depot agent tomorrow will sell all unclaimed freight and other articles which have been left in the train during the past ten years. The list includes one polka dot parasol, 1 inner tube, one empty jug, one-half pair wool mitten, one pump handle and one cogwheel.

Their financial allowance suddenly cut off by the war in China, many Chinese students in the United Statse who depended on the Boxer indemnity money to carry them through college are now seeking part-time employment so they can stay in school. This affects about four hundred and twenty-five students.

"The whiter the bread, the sooner you're dead", is a catchy slogan that has a great deal of truth in it.

Twelve-inch phonograph records that play for 100 minutes and reproduce entire operas by aid of radio loud speakers without the noise of needle-scratching have been pproduced by an inventor of Berln, Germany.

Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock, the fire truck was called to the residence of John Mayes, corner of North West street and Maud Avenue. The fire had gained headway before the truck arrived and the firemen could be of little assistance. The house was completely destroyed and no furniture was saved. We have been unable as yet to find out if the loss was covered by insurance.

Clyde Swank of Charleston was in Sikeston Thursday.

Mrs. Moore Greer will entertain the Menaltink Bridge Club at her home Friday afternoon.

Some miscreant stole or hid the one-pound weight to the scales at the Rye Straw Store. The proprietor says the joke may be on him but henceforth he will make no sale of less than two pounds.

W. C. Pattenga'e of Cape Girardeau was a business visitor in Sikeston Thursday.

The Fair to be held in the basement of the Baptist Church on Friday and Saturday nights of this week, promises to be a unique affair. The young people of the church will be in charge of the booths and program and will guarantee a good time for those attending.

A. F. Lindsay returned home Wednesday from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been for the past three weeks for his health.

Little Fidity Flinders, whose multiplying onions created so much excitement in the arithmetic class last spring, has fallen behind in geography and must stay in "Alaska" all next week. The rest of the class are in 'Florida'.

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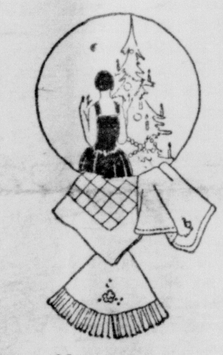

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In Christmas Boxes

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Comfort Slippers
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Just the thing to give you will exclaim when you see them. Include several pairs on your list—they are very inexpensive.

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You have to buy them shoes anyway, so why not combine necessity and pleasure by giving them a pair of these sturdy Storm Shoes.

When Making Your Gift List

Be sure to make a note of these fabrics for Dresses and Blouses, for the home sewer will be much delighted to receive such a gift.

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FIVE NAVY FLYERS KILLED IN FALL

San Diego, Cal., December 10.—Three navy airmen are dead, two are missing and their bodies apparently washed out to sea, and three are suffering from gasoline burns, as the result of a tail-spin fall by a big navy H-16 type airplane into the ocean at the entrance to San Diego harbor this morning.

The wrecked plane was hauled ashore by an army tractor. In the cockpit of the plane were found the bodies of Lieutenants Vairni and Thurston and Machinist's Mate Crull. The bodies of Lieut. Roby and Radioman Wiezzk, who have been given up as dead by naval officers, are believed to have been washed to sea.

PUBLIC MAY PAY FOR POSTAL PAY INCREASE

Washington, Dec. 10.—A bill to increase and adjust postal rates so as to permit a $63,000,000 advance in the pay of postal employes is being drafted at the Post Office Department at the request of Chairman Sterling of the Senate postoffice committee.

It is the purpose of Senator Sterling to present a measure which will so lower the losses on the handling of various kinds of mail to meet the pay increase which President Coolidge has vetoed.

While the South Dakota senator has not gone into details as to the increases in the various classes he expects the committee's report to form a basis of action. That report was that the government is losing about $40,000,000 a year, chiefly in handling second, third and fourth class registry mail.

Last year organic heart disease killed nearly three times as many persons in New York City as did tuberculosis; more than twice as many as cancer; more than half again as many as pneumonia.

The origin of the term bootlegging had its inception in the West where sundry gently pedd'ed booze unlawfully among the Indians, carrying the liquid fire in the leg of their boots to conceal it from Federal officers.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEEMBER 11, 1924 MARKET REPORT

CHICAGO CLOSE—

July wheat	144⅝
December wheat	160
May wheat	164⅝
July corn	127
December corn	122⅝
May corn	127⅛
July oats	61⅜
December oats	57¼
May oats	62⅞

ST. LOUIS CLOSE—

July wheat	144
December wheat	159
May wheat	164⅛
July corn	127
December corn	121½
May corn	126¾

KANSAS CITY CLOSE—

July wheat	137¾
December wheat	152
May wheat	156⅜
July corn	125
December corn	114½
May corn	119⅞

NEW YORK COTTON CLOSE—STEADY

January	22.85
March	23.24
May	23.60
July	23.76
October	23.09
December	22.75

AUGUST BELMONT DIES SUDDENLY IN GOTHAM

New York, Dec. 10.—August Belmonth, financier and famous sportsman, died here tonight.

Mr. Belmont died at his home at 550 Park Avenue. Mrs. Belmont and his son Morgan, were at the bedside.

Belmont, multi-millionaire property owner, was best known as owner of Belmont Park, famous race track, and as promoter of the recent international races. His widow, was formerly Eleanor Robson, popular actress, well known to the south as the star in "Audrey", "The Dawn of Tomorrow" and other plays.

Recently a moose walked into the city of Montreal wandering down from the Laurentian Mountains north of the city. He entered the thick woods on the slopes of the Riviere des Prairies, swam the river, and found himself in the heart of civilization.

NEGRO WOMAN IS MURDERED

New Madrid, Dec. 8.—A heavy guard was maintained at the county jail here where Dan Hamilton, a negro, is being held on a charge of slaying his common law wife, Martha, whose dead body with the throat slashed, was found in a house on the Clay Hunter plantation near LaForge Friday night.

Hamilton was arrested by a posse of citizens near Lilbourn Saturday, after the negro and the posse engaged in a running pistol battle, and the negro had been seriously wounded. He was brought here and lodged in jail under guard, after Sheriff Kerr had been warned that threats were being made against the negro's life.

The negro woman was found dead in the cabin shortly after 7 o'clock Friday night. Her head was almost severed. A bloody razor lay nearby and authorities say that Hamilton admits slashing her throat with the weapon but claims that she fired a shot at him with a revolver.

Constable Fred Meyers' bloodhounds from Cape Girardeau, in charge of Les Watts, were brought here late Friday night and followed the trail to a point near where the negro was later captured. The dogs were taken off the trail because of the darkness.

The negro woman had been employed by the Hunter plantation for many years. Jealousy is said by authorities to have caused the slaying.

1000 ACRES OF GRAPES FOR HOWELL COUNTY

West Plains, December 10.—The planting of 1000 acres or more in grapes in Howell county, and the establishment of a grape-juice factory at Brandsville, is the object of the Missouri Vineyards Corporation, which has just been incorporated at St. Louis with a capital stock of $25,000. This will be the largest vineyard in Missouri. Officers of the company are: G. C. Baker, president; J. F. Perkins, vice-president and general manager and W. J. James, secretary and treasurer.

The company has bought 1000 acres of land from the Consolidated Iron and Steel Corporation and has an option on 2000 acres more adjoining and near the town of Brandsville.

A new glacier with a mile-wide ice field has been discovered in the Olympic peninsula of Washington.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

James H. Coppage, who operates a corn and cotton plantation south of Canalou, transacted business in this city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Teal were initiated into the Eastern Star Lodge No. 450 Tuesday night. After the ceremonies, a memorial service was given in honor of the late Mrs. J. W. Simms. The service, which was open to the public, was very impressive.

The Baracca Class of the Methodist Sunday school played a professional basketball team at Canalou which consisted of one Canalou man and four Illmo players. The professionals were too much for the revivalists, winning 25 to 4.

The Morehouse boys and girls will clash with their old rivals, the Lilbourn Lions, Friday evening. The Lilbourn girls nosed the Morehouse girls out of the New Madrid County championshp by a point earlier in the season.

While most farmers are laboring under the impression that 25 acres of ground is all they can crop, J. Fletcher in gleaning a good harvest from 360 acres with the helf of his own family and one hired hand. Needless to say his income is about ten times greater than the average in this territory. Mr. Fletcher's operations show that it takes a good rotation of corn, wheat, clover, timothy, grass sunflowers and a small amount of cotton to make the big production per man.

Mrs. A. C. Whitener has gone to make a two weeks visit with her mother at Marquand.

Mrs. Harry Himmelberger is spending a few days with Mrs. E. O. Fisher and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Patton are the proud parents of a baby born to them.

Bert Shelby was injured at the Himmelberger mill, when he was caught between a log and carriage, Monday. Dr. Pease reports the injury is not serious and that he will quickly recover.

The Afternoon Bridge Club met with Mrs. I. H. Biennert on Wednesday afternoon. This was the first meeting of the Club. Those who were present were Mesdames E. O. Fisher, D. L. Fisher, Glenn Fisher, J. W. Sarff, Ed Hindman, I. H. Dunaway, L. I. Gray, W. O. Mason, Bryce Edwards, H. I. Himmelberger of Cape Girardeau and Miss Eva Taylor.

T. H. INCE DIED AFTER DRINKING BAD LIQUOR

San Diego, Cal. Dec. 10.—There will be no official investigation into the death of Thomas H. Ince, motion picture producer, as far as San Diego County officials are concerned, according to District Attorney Chester C. Kempley.

"I am satified that the death of Ince was caused by heart disease as the result of an attaack of acute indigestion," said Kempley. "There will be no investigation".

Kempley's statement followed interviews held yesterday with Dr. Truman A. Parker of La Jolla, who attended Ince and Miss Jessie Howard, a nurse, called into the case. Dr. Parker, according to Kempley, stated that Ince told him that he had drunk considerable liquor aboard the yacht Omeida, on which he made the voyage from Los Angeles to San Diego.

Miss Howard, it is said, stated that Ince had said he had drunk considerable liquor while a member of the Omeida party. Miss Howard is also reported to have stated that Ince declared his illness was due to bad liquor. No inquiry into the source of the liquor will be made by San Diego County officials.

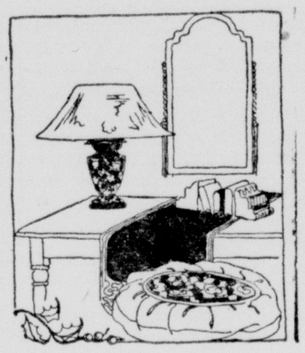
Doctor A. Von Wilke, of Berlin, declares in an essay concerning international language that English is becoming the language used for that purpose. French, which has been used in former times, is losing its prominence.

Few people realize the wide extent of the Mohammedan world as it exists today. It covers a territory three times as large as that of the United States, extending from Western Siberia southward into India and westward across Africa to the Atlantic.

Thirty per cent of the fires in a downtown Manhattan wholesalers' district are of incendiary origin, according to Assistant Fire Chief Thos. J. J. Hayes. He says fires vary with the business seasons. When trade is brisk fires are few, but when goods cannot be sold they seek to sell them to the insurance company by arson.

Flooded workings in a Pennsylvania coal mine gave a mule the first opportunity to view sunshine that he has had in fifteen years. He at first refused to budge from the conveyor that brought him to the sunlight and it required force to get him to his new lodging place, where he was afraid to venture forth for several days.

USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS



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BULLDOGS LEAVE THIS AFTERNOON FOR ST. LOUIS

The Sikeston bulldogs will leave this afternoon for St. Louis, where they will play a post-season football game Saturday with Soldan High of St. Louis.

The Bulldogs are in fine condition and are ready to go into the fight.

The Charleston Blue Jays will also play on the same date with Cleveland High.

The games will be played at the St. Louis University field.

The line-up of the Bulldogs will probably be as follows:

Ends, Randolph and Hopper; tackles, Peacher and Baker; guards, Fox and Smith; center, Gentles; quarterback, Crain; backs, Trousdale and Marshall.

There will be about 15 or 16 men make the trip.

The U. D. C. will meet Saturday at the home of Mrs. Maude Stubbs with Miss Tutie Watkins and Mrs. Stubbs as hostesses and Mrs. T. F. Henry as leader.

Miss Lora Kem and Jesse Chapman, both of Sikeston, were married Tuesday evening, December 9, at the home of Rev. S. P. Brite. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kem of Minner and is employed at our local telephone office. Chapman is with the Sanitary Barber Shop. They are worthy young folks and The Standard joins their many friends in wishing them much joy.

Throughout the eastern wheat regions there has been a very severe outbreak of the Angoumois grain moth during the past four years. Special investigation of the pest has been conducted for two years by the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture. New facts concerning its biology have been developed. The infestation of wheat in the field at the time of crop maturity has been found to be much greater than was formerly believed. The importance of prompt harvestng and threshing is consequently emphasized. During 1922 it was found that in a badly infested region Angoumois grain-moth infestation was reduced to less than 2 per cent by prompt harvesting, threshing, and storage, whereas on neighboring farms when threshing was greatly dealyed infestation ran as high as 80 to 90 per cent.

NEW OFFICERS FOR I. O. O. F. LODGE

The I. O. O. F. Lodge elected the following new officers Tuesday evening:

Marshall Meyers, Noble Grand.
Ed Smith, Vice-Grand.
John Chaney, Secretary.
C. C. White, Treasurer.
Frank Dye, trustee for a 3-year term.

Masons Elect Officers

On December 4, the following new officers were elected in the Masonic Lodge:

Roy Johnson, Worshipful Master.
J. H. Hayden, Senior Warden.
Tanner Dye, Junior Warden.
Ralph Anderson, Treasurer.
A. A. Harrison, Secretary.

The appointments for the other officers will be made by Worshipful Master Johnson in the next few days.

Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday School.

11:00—Morning Worship. Sermon by the pastor.

6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Meets for Bible Study and Social Worship.

7:30—Evening worship. Song service. Semon by pastor.

You are all welcome to our servces.

S. P. BRITE, Pastor.

Policemen in New York City who "cuss out" citizens are fined one day's pay.

Mesdames John Fisher, Loomis Mayfield, Murray Klein, Earl Pate, and Ada Lennox spent Monday in Poplar Bluff.

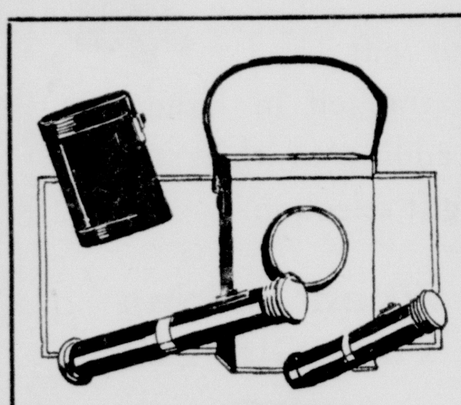
Attend the Church Fair in the Baptist Church basement Friday and Saturday nights of this week and help the folks raise some money for church work.

James W. Schwabe of Columbia, Mo., has been in Sikeston and vicinity in the interest of the Methodist Dormitory to be built at the University of Missouri. He is an old acquaintance of the editor and we were pleased with a visit from him.

Col. A. A. Ebert reports that he is quite well satisfied that the Amusement Park that he has been promoting will be a reality, though most of the stock will be subscribed by outsiders. Every one of the concessions have been spoken for and applications are in for more.

A telegram from Giles Dover, New York City, to J. E. Dover of Sikeston, states that a boy baby arrived at his home on the 9th instant. This gives Giles two boys at his home, one 15 years of age and the wee baby. This makes 14 grandchildren for Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dover.

Careless driving by a Mr. Smith from Bloomfield came near causing a serious wreck, when he collided with a car driven by Mrs. Bill Keller, about one mile south of town Monday evening. Mrs. Keller's car was turned completely over and damaged considerably, but fortunately Mrs. Keller escaped with only a few minor cuts and bruises.



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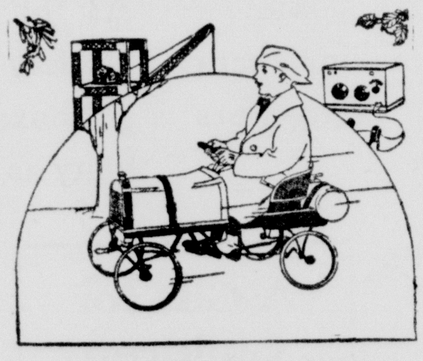

Toys Boys Like

You'll find them here, not a few, but scores of Toys that boys like to get on Christmas morning. Included are toys that develop the brain as well as the brawn—mechanical construction toys, working model radios—in fact there is almost no end to the exceptional display we have ready for your choosing.

A look will give you some idea of what we are offering, but you must see the toys to appreciate the scope of the assortment.

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BETTY COMPSON in
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Flowers that fade on Broadway. He called it his "Garden of Weeds"—this rich man's pleasure palace where Broadway beauties bloomed. Betty as the fairest flower of them all. Rockcliffe Fellowes as the man.
Also NEWS and Comedy—"SOMEBODY LIED"
Admission 15c and 35c

WEDNESDAY
"Not One to Spare"

from the famous poem. A great mother's love picture. Also NEWS
Admission 10c and 25c

THURSDAY
HELENE CHADWICK in
"Reno"

by Rupert Hughes supported by Lew Cody. Also "THE GO-GETTERS" with the same cast as "The Telephone Girl".
Admission 10c and 25c

Agnes Ayres in "Worldly Goods"

FRIDAY
AGNES AYRES & PAT O'MALLEY
in
"Worldly Goods"

A shower of good fun, from the novel by Sophie Kerr. The story of a girl that thought hot air came from furnaces—until she got herself a husband. Laughs? Try and count 'em! Entertainment? 100 per cent plus. Also AESOP FABLES & COMEDY Adm. 10c and 30c

SATURDAY
HARRY CAREY in
"Roaring Rails"

Also "FORTIETH DOOR" No. 9
Adm.—Matinee 10c and 20c
Adm.—Night 15c and 25c

COMING—"ARGENTINE LOVE"

SMOKE SCREEN USED TWO CENTURIES AGO

A German historian directs attention to the fact that gas warfare by no means originated in the World War. A full 200 years earlier Charles XII, the remarkable soldier-king of Sweden, employed a similar measure when he crossed the River Dvina in the Great Northern War, preliminary to his atack on Riga. An old account runs:

"Since he had observed that the wind blew from the north, where he was, toward the south, where the enemy was encamped, he had set on fire great masses of damp straw, whose thick smoke hid his troops as they rowed across the river. Boats filled with burning damp straw also were sent ahead of his troops, hiding them from the view of the Saxons, for whom it was impossible to see whether the king was crossing or not.

"In a quarter on an hour he landed on the other bank, brought his artillery into position and formed his lines before the enemy could oppose him".

The Standard $1.50, per year.

The entire coast line of the earth measures 136,000 miles.

With more than 14,000 divorces granted last year, Texas leads all the other states in the Union.

The Women's Monroe House Memorial Association has started a drive to obtain $90,000 to purchase the house where James Monroe lived and died.

The ship canals of New York harbor, as well as those of Boston, Liverpool and other ports, are kept from sitting up by the regular flow of tidal currents through them every 24 hours.

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NEW SEA MYSTERY ON OLD VIKING ROUTE TO AMERICA

To the long list of sea mysteries, from the time of the Marie Celeste, found under full sail, with a meal partly served, everything shipshape and not a soul on board, to the wartime Cyclops, which vanished, now add the Leif Ericsson.

The cruiser Trenton has been driven out of the North Atlantic, where she went in search of the tiny sloop, carrying a crew of three Americans, over the Viking route, from Bergen, Norway, to Battle Harbor, Labrador, on this side and now several months overdue.

The fast scouting warship, with New York yachtsmen on board—for William Washburn Nutting, in command of the party of twentieth century Norsemen, was president of the Cruising Club of America—reported that they could find no trace or clew in the sub-Arctic, and the ice grip of winter descending made delay even by the big ship perilous.

The curtain, therefore, drops on the turbulent and bitter North Atlantic this season with the tiny vessel sailing from Julianshaab, Greenland, and never sighted again.

There were features of the voyage of the Leif Ericsson which made the trip spectacular. The men wanted to follow the footsteps again after a thousand years of the great explorer credited by Scandinavians with the discovery of America, in no yacht or pleasure craft, but in the sloops navigated by the most daring of the ancient seamen of the North, the Vikings.

They could not find such a craft here, so they went to the fjords of Norway and there scouted around the shipyards. They had no experience in handling the particular type, but all three of the men, Captain Nutting, Arthur Hildebrand and Eric Todahl, an artist of the sea, were old-time seamen, of long experience with a wide variety of vessels.

They found their boat one which had been hauled up on the rocks and left for two years, and renamed it Leiv Eiriksson, according to the old saga spelling, but modernized into Leif Ericsson, after the restless, reckless rover who drove his ship into the unknown western waters.

The type of ship is described as a sailing boat such as cruises off the coast of Norway in winter, when fishermen are likely to be in trouble. She was forty feet long, a double-ender, of fourteen and one-half feet beam and six feet draft. She had a 2-cylinder motor, a cutter rig with hollow boom and gaff.

She was a stout little vessel, frame of oak and pine, with a heavy looking bow, which gave an appearance and feeling of great strength and security, and just enough room below to eat, sleep and read for the three or four men.

In a letter sent to Herbert L. Stone of New York from Norway, Nutting told how he had cruised around the fjords and treacherous waters of the Scandinavian coast to study the sloop, and returned to Bergen for a week's final preparation before taking the great North Atlantic venture.

"Well, it is 2 o'clock in the morning of July 4. The southeast gale which follows yesterday's storm warning with such surprising promptness has blown itself out, and the water is still, and reflects the masts of yachts and skolter and drowsy anchored sjegter. The ferryman has gone to bed at last, and clouds have settled again on the tops of the mountains. An hour ago it was growing dark; it is growing light now.

"I have tried to think how I could convey a sense of our enthusiasm for this ship and confidence in her, and her quality of complete security—like the log houses in the high and windy valleys at the heads of the fjords. We shall sail this afternoon at 6. There will be a heavy sea offshore, and wind, and driving rain".

Nutting then told of his plans. He was looking through the eyes of the daring Eric the Red ahead at the Viking trail: "From here we go to the Shetlands and Faroes and then to Reykjavik. We expect to go to the north of Iceland, rather than take the shorter, but less interesting route, along the South Coast. This will put us over the Circle and be a lot more fun, and our chances of good weather are as good or better.

"It is doubtful whether we shall be able to get into the east coast of Grenland. If we cannot, we shall follow the edge of the ice around to the west coast, where the Danish settlements are situated—and then home as fast as possible, probably via Battle Harbor and the west coast of Newfoundland.

"Right now—well, there is open water to the westward and we are one thousand years behind".

The little sloop was in Iceland about the time of the world fliers. The eyes of the world were then on the North Atlantic. Eric Nelson, the flying Viking, was then endeavoring to jump the trail in a few days, in striking contrast to the wind-driven boats of a thousand years before. Locatelli, the Italian aviator, was making the North Atlantic dash, and Fred J. Wells who crossed on the little Shanghai by the same route, was also in the spectacle.

Wells wrote to America that he saw the Leif Ericsson at Bergen, and then at Thorshaven he saw the ship again. "She had left six days ahead of us at Bergen. We had quite a chat on sea experiences, and Nutting told of his experiences in the Shetlands, where on the Island of Yell he had dug up some skulls of the ancient vikings and had brought them along".

At Iceland, Nutting wrote again to Mr. Stone: "I am sitting on the after deck leaning against the rail, which comes up to my shoulders. The tiller is lashed; Fleischer, energetic soul that he is, busies himself about the deck; Todahl is making a sketch and Hildebrand, judging from the blue haze and profanity which rises from the galley, is preparing to create a meal; the ship is steering itself.

"The deck looks business-like now, with everything securely lashed—bags of coal and peat, red cans of kerosene and kegs of salt fish and mutton out of the way along the rail, spare gaff with jaws like a whale fin, the small boat, a water keg, and four great chunks of whale meat, dripping red, slung from the poor sheerpole".

At that time he had some doubt about the success of his ship. "As we looked her over from every angle we hoped devoutly that the Viking trail lay wholly to the northward of the prevailing westerlies, since otherwise we would grow old fruitlessly and eternally banging head seas and getting nowhere.

Later, however, he was more satisfied. "We have watched her behavior now over fifteen hundred miles of sailing and running under power, in all the varying conditions of weather which this section of the North Atlantic implies. We have run dead before it without ever tripping our boom; we have driven to windward in a full gale and confused sea without shipping solid water; we have ghosted along over unrippled fjords when seemingly the only wind was that produced by our own motion; we have rolled the white nights through on glassy swells of the sort that form the heaving floors of hell; and we have done it all with a greater degree of comfort than we would have thought possible.

"The Lief Ericsson was built as a fisherman, but two years ago she was converted to a cutter and rearranged for crusing. The most important of our three lowers is the fore-staysail. Apart from the driving power of this gallant piece of canvas, its virtue lies principally in its ability to hang on till the crash of doom. It is the last sail to come off. In this respect it is like the foresail of a schooner—the sail under which the Gloucestermen ride out bad weather on the Grand Banks".

When the little sloop pushed out from Iceland on the wild westward trail word was flashed to the naval patrol to be on the lookout. There were ugly weather reports ahead. The ice had held longer and had gone down farther.

The aviators watched the ice-breaker Gertrude Trask try to get into the scheduled supply base at Angmasalik, usually open in midsummer for at least a month. It was necessary for the fliers to abandon this port in Grenland and seek a base farther south. All along the coast came reports of much floating ice. From some places the pack extended miles out from land, covered with much fog where it ventured out to the warmer waters of the Gulf Stream. It was this weather which engulfed the Italian aviator.

After the little sloop left Iceland, she cut all contact with civilization. She carried no wireless. There was no radio or telegraph over this section. Until she completed the voyage over to Battle Harbor, it was likely the little sloop would be out of touch with the world, except by communication with some infrequent vessel.

The Ericsson, however, was sighted again at Julinshaab, in Greenland. She was then skirting Greenland and heading for Davis Strait and Battle Harbor, Labraador. It was then getting late in September, with every prospect of an early winter clamping down over the area like a vise for many months.

Her crossing from Iceland to Greenland, as far north as it was, was not likely to be as nearly severe as when she hit the cold Labrador current coming straight down from the ice of the North Pole.

The sloop survived the terrific hurricane which lashed the whole Atlantic seaboard and which wrenched the destroyers from their anchors in protected Indian Harbor. She was sighted after this. But beyond her pause at Greenland, nothing has been heard from her.

In a country where it snows in August and the harbors become ice-locked early, it is thought by traders the ship might have entered some out-of-the-way place and become imprisoned for the long winter, with no chance of communication until spring. This is the only hope held out to the families of the men on board.

Mrs. Nutting, her daughter and son, refuse to give up hope. Nutting has been in sea ventures before, crossing the Atlantic in small boats, and she looks for him to appear, and says smiling, "A small boat is never overdue."

The Trenton returned with the report:

"After exhaustive analysis and conference, have decided that a single vessel searching in vast area for a very small craft last heard of two months ago must confine her search to most likely locality, based on probable location.

"Definite plan was drawn up accordingly and search conducted without success. Am returning to the United States convinced that in view of the elapsed time since the Ericsson was last seen and the heavy weather that has prevailed, further search at sea is futile".

Washington announced that the derelict recently reported as having been sighted in the path taken by the Ericsson had been previously sighted as early as September 5, and therefore could hardly be the missing ship. —Boston Globe.

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Widow pensioners of the war of 1812 has decreased in the past 15 months from 41 to 29. The youngest pensioner is Mrs. A. I. Anderson of Cedar Grove, Ga.

Queen Mary of England has over a hundred rings, in her possession but never wears any but her wedding ring and two others, both ppresents from King George.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Fred King and Miss Mary McKee, both of Chaffee, were united in marriage Monday afternoon at the M. E. parsonage by the pastor, Rev. D. O. Yeager.

Clarence Tant of Portageville was a business visitor in New Madrid on Tuesday.

Mesdames Alfred Stepp and Willard Russell visited Mrs. Jesse M. Miles in Cairo, last Sunday.

Miss Elsie Smart left Monday for her ome in Hazen, Ark. Her position with the Cotton Growers' Association is being filled by Miss Lois Willett.

Mrs. John Atkins of the Marston neighborhood left Monday night for St. Louis, where she will be joined by her daughter, Miss Camille, who will accompany her to Mayo Bros. for medical attention.

Atty. James A. Finch is in St. Louis this week on legal business.

Marriage license were issued last week to Ward Tutor and Miss Edith Hodge, both of Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Myer and Jeff Myer of Sikeston were guests at the M. Frankle home in this city last Sunday.

Mrs. Herman Wolfson and little daughter Jeanette of Puxico spent Thanksgiving at the home of the former's father, M. Frankle, in this city.

Mrs. Mary Moore and daughter Miss Nadine of Charleston and Mrs. R. P. Whitsell and daughter, Miss Lillian Byrd of Union City, Tenn., spent several hours in New Madrid last Wednesday at the Davis B. Riley home last Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Earley and Mrs. Effie Hunter visited friends in Poplar Bluff Tuesday.

Mrs. Effie Hunter will visit friends in Jonesboro, Ark., this coming Saturday.

Clarence Alsobrook of the Marston neighborhood was a business visitor Monday.

Attorney E. F. Sharp of Marston was looking after business matters in New Madrid Monday.

Aty. R. F. Baynes of Parma made a business trip to New Madrid Monday.

Mrs. A. W. Walker returned to New Madrid Sunday, after a visit with relatives and friends at Fornfelt.

The primary room of the Kewanee school gave a "Negro Minstrel Show" entertainment, which was followed by a box supper. The show by the pupils was very creditably rendered, under the direction of Miss Vina Carr, the primary teacher. The meeting was well attended by the interesting patrons, who enjoyed a very able talk from the County Supt. P. J. Stearns. Selbert Westcoat being adjudged the ugliest man, was the recipient of a box of cigars, while Miss Baker was considered the prettiest girl, was awarded a cake. The proceeds of the evening will be used for the purchasing of books for the library.

A couple of daring deeds were committed in New Madrid last Saturday night. Voydie Wiseman a lad of about 18 years, living near Kewance was in New Madrid, and held up on Main Street at Mann Bros. old store house near the levee about 8 o'clock and relieved of about $12, a pocket knife and a few similar articles of small value. The culprit, who made his get-away, put a pistol in the boy's back and searched his pockets from the back, thereby concealing his identity. On the same night, R. C. Doyle, Jeweler, had his coupe stolen from in front of his residence on Scott street. No trace of it has been found.

T. F. Henry and F. E. Mount of Sikeston were transacting business in New Madrid Monday.

County Court was in session last Friday and Saturday for the purpose of hearing exceptions to D. D. No. 38. After the exceptions were heard, some modifications were made, the court confirmed the report of the viewers and ordered the work done. Atty. Thos. Gallivan of this city represented the petitioners and Casper M. Edwards of Malden, represented the exceptors.

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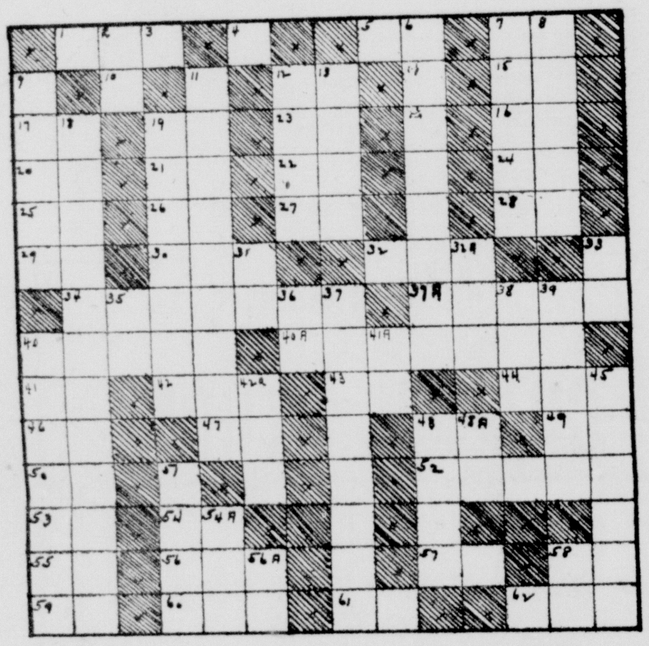

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Horizontal

1. A roundish body covered with a shell.
4. The 15th letter and the 4th vowel
5. Behold.
7. What we sometimes call our mother.
12. The letters used in naming some of our Dirigibles.
15. A conjunction.
16. The first two letters in one of our common beverages.
17. The first two initials of a prominent Sikeston Banker and farmer.
19. The leters we all want to see preceeding l in Dunn's Reporter.
20. Bachelor of Arts (ab).
21. The first letter of a striped wild animal followed by the first letters of a desert necessity.
22. The initials used by some fraternal lodges.
23. The first and third letter of the given name of a prominent young oil man in Sikeston.
24. Not off.
25. What we sometimes say when we are talking excitedly.
26. What some of the flappers call their Hawaiian instruments.
27. Not so good. (ab).
28. The initial of the first and last name of a bank cashier in Sikeston.
29. The initials of a man in the telephone business.
30. A beautiful color.
32. A domestic animal.
34. To copy after.
40. To combine.
40a To establish a prior claim.
41. The sixth note of the musical scale.
42. The last.
43. Before noon.
44. We played them on last Thanksgiving (ab).
46. A nick name.
47. Same as 31 vertical.
48. A cry to excite attention.
49. The initials of another banker-farmer in Sikeston.
50. What the little boy shoots in his air-gun.
52. To worship with reverence and awe.
53. What a sailor should say when commanded to duty by his superior (use your imagination).
54. A preposition used in regard to source.
55. The street car company in St. Louis (ab).
56. Man's name.
57. The fourth note of the musical scale.
58. A pronoun of the third person.
59. Doctor of medicine (ab)
60. If you get 42 horizontal, this is easy.
61. In this or that manner.
62. Expressing consent.

Vertical

2. To walk.
6. Hardened in heart.
7. An agency that sets machinery in motion.
8. An open space for combatants.
9. A slip of paper.
11. The lower portion of a jacket.
12. Past of tear.
13. To choke up.
18. A North American bird with fine red plumage.
19. A blue mineral, an ore of copper.
31. What a baby generally learns to say first.
32a. A boys name.
33. A word expressing equality.
35. The third note in the musical scale.
36. Texas Pacific (ab.)
37. Scratchings out.
38. Initials of an officer of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.
39. A pronoun meaning "one not the same".
41. The lower lip of insects.
41a. Printer's unit of measure.
42a. What some of us call our father.
45. Distinct parts of a play.
48. One part of a thing which is divided into two equal parts.
48a. A term we don't like to see on our bank statement.
51. One of the five great divisions of the earth.
54a. A stretch of boggy land.
56a. Doctor of Divinity (ab).
58. Same as 58 horizontal.

Gift Suggestions

Run over the following list---note the many splendid suggestions for a gift that will please him, or her, and remember that these are but a small part of the many others we have here ready for your choice.

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CUTTER SAVES 200 IN ALASKAN FAMINE

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 5.—Describing every detail of a thrilling cruise to the Arctic where she saved from famine 200 men, women and children, and made a hazardous attempt to rescue the schooner Silver Wave, lost in the ice off Kutschue Sound, the coast guard cutter Mojave has arrived here for the winter.

In a far off corner, separated from civilization by snow and ice and facing a long winter with provisions nearly exhausted, 200 persons at Teller, Seward Peninsula, sent an appeal to the coast guard. The power schooner Apollo, making a late sailing from Seattle with 45 tons of winter provisions was damaged and forced from Berling Sea back to Dutch Harbor. The villagers were ill.

The cutter Mojave, lying off Nome, responded to the appeal. Fighting ice fields and gales she arrived off Teller and under great difficulty landed 36 tons of provisions.

Off Kutsbue Sound in the Arctic the Mojave had the most thrilling experience of the cruise. The Silver Wave blown to sea with five men aboard seemed certain of destruction.

The Mojave steamed full speed to Cape Prince of Wales, where dog teams, Eskimos and skin boats were obtained. It was planned to send the natives with sleds over the ice to the rescue of the imprisoned men in the Silver Wave.

For five days the cutter fought her way through fiels of heavy ice and finally reached Cape Espenberg, ten miles from where the stricken vessel was last reported. Despite the powerful searchlights which the Mojave forced into the leaden Arctic skies there was no answering signal from the doomed ship.

After many hours the Mojave gave up the search. The Silver Wave was lost but the five men made their way over the ice to safety with Eskimos and eventually reached Nome.

In the American offices and stores in China the girls are allowed Sunday as a day of rest, but in the Chinese stores they work as on any other day of the week.

Miss Janet McKay, a former nurse at the Bellevue Hospital in New York, now acts as mother to 500 refugee children, being in charge of the Near East Relief orphan city of Alexandropol, Armenia.

Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of Thomas M. Bloomfield, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of December, 1924, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such state; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

ZADA A. BLOOMFIELD,
Administratrix.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY,
Probate Judge.

Besides paying her husband $200 alimony, Mrs. Hortense Meiser of Cedar Rapids Ia., supports three children.

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BANK ROBBER IS CONVICTED

Benton, Dec. 6.—Tom Mangrum of Southern Illinois was found guilty by a jury in circuit court here at 9 o'clock Friday night of the hold-up of the Bank of Vanduser last June, and his sentence was fixed at five years in the state penitentiary. The jury deliberated five hours, taking the case at 4 p. m. after two days of testimony had been heard.

Mangrum is the first of four men, under arrest in connection with the robbery, which netted $1850, to be tried. He was identified by two witnesses, the cashier and a director of the bank, as one of the bandits.

Attorneys for the accused bandit attempted to present an alibi to counteract the state's testimony.

The trial of the other alleged robbers will be started next week, Prosecuting Attorney Barton said today. A jury to try Ben McFerron, alleged companion of Mangrum in the actual hold-up of the bank, will be picked on Monday and testimony in his case is to start on Tuesday.

A charge has been filed against McFerron of the theft of an automobile in Illinois, and the sale of it in Scott County. This case, however, is not expected to be tried at this term of court.

The state closed its case against the alleged bank robber late Thursday afternoon after two witnesses—the bank cashier and a director, who were held up—identified Mangrum as the robber. The defense, in its testimony, sought to prove an alibi—that Mangrum was in Illinois at the time of the robbery.

S. P. Cutlich, cashier, who was alone in the bank when a man entered ostensibly to get change for a bill of small denomination, declared that the bandit, who pointed a revolver at him, was Mangrum.

"Just as he drew his weapon, another man entered the bank", the cashier said. "He also drew a revolver, and walked into the cage where I was standing. About this time a director in the bank, S. M. Dailey, entered the building, and he was told to put up his hands. He complied, and then the robbers made us lie down on the floor, while they scooped up the money in the cage and fled, after locking the front door to the building".

Daily also identified Mangrum as one of the bandits.

A total of $1850 in cash was obtained in the hold-up. After leaving the bank, the three men, alleged to have participated in the robbery, disappeared in an automobile.

Six men are under arrest in connection with the robbery, but the state elected to try Mangrum first.

GRATZ LOSES $85,000 SUIT AFTER SIX YEARS

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—After six years of litigation, Benjamin Gratz, St. Louis capitalist, has lost his claim against the Bleven Button Company of Muscatine, Ia., for $85,000 damages, the value of more than 300 tons of mussel or clam shells alleged to have been taken from streams in Pemiscot County swamp lands owned by Gratz and converted into pearl buttons.

A jury in Federal Judge Faris' Court late yesterday returned a verdict in favor of the defendant in the case which was unsuccessfully tried in United States District Court in 1918 when United States District Judge Pollock took the case from the jury and decided there was no property right in mussels.

Gratz appealed the verdict to the United States Supreme Court, where he won his contention that the mussels belonged to the owner of the land on which they were found. The suit as decided yesterday was to determine the value of the shells on Gratz's claim. The shells, which were taken by the Blevin Compnay from the Little River in Southeast Missouri, were manufactured into buttons.

The Standard $1.50, per year.

NEW MANAGENT FOR AEROCRUISER COMPANY

President T. M. Finley of the Aerocruiser Company was a recent Sikeston visitor. Southeast Missouri has many stockholders in this company who paid out their good money believing the Aerocruiser would be built and would be a good investment. Several hundred thousand dollars were taken in from stock sales and no effort apparently was made to build one of the cruisers. Then the law department of the State of Missouri stepped in and forbid the selling of any more stock under the blue sky law—that is selling something worthless for real money. There has never been a doubt but what his invention was valuable, but Dr. Finley was too visionary, and real men of business qualifications and sufficient finances would have nothinng to do with going forward with the work while Dr. Finley had the control and management of the affairs of the company. When Dr. Finley first became inspired with the flying machine, he was a Methodist parson stationed at Oran, was satisfied to walk about the city and dine on yellow legged chickens, but when thousands upon thousands of dollars were coming in from stock sales, he moved to St. Louis, up among the tarts and jellies, had high powered cars to carry him about and was too high up in the clouds of self importance to talk of small things. Then the blue sky law punctured his inflow of money and once again he is back to a fried meat diet and wondering where that is coming from. At last he is willing for his advisers to assume management and control of the Aerocruiser Company and salvage it if they can. Of the more than two hundred thousand dollars taken in the only real accomplishment was the building of a monster motor that was a perfect piece of mechanism, but too large for ordinary use, so the new business organization will assess each stockholder a small amount of money and by spring will have their first useful motor built. There is an unlimited demand for auto engines that will stand the strain of long usage and the aerocruiser motor has made good in this respect. As the motors are put on the market the new organizatino will seek advice from German Zeppelin engineers as to their aerocruiser, and if they O. K. the idea, as has the U. S. War Department, an effort will be made to finance the building of one of their machines for either war or commercial use. The Standard has never doubted the feasability of the Finley machine, but his own visionary flights of oratory have frightened away real substantial financiers.

Miss Goldie Fowler of Los Angeles, Calif, arrived Monday for a month's visit with homefolks.

Clifford Grosshart of Urich, Mo., graduated from Chillicothe Business College last week and was placed as stenographer in the division offices of the Missouri Pacific R. R. at Falls City, Nebr., starting at $130.00 a month.

Mrs. G. P. Martin, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. P. Van Arsdale, Sr., and family for the past few weeks, left Tuesday for a short visit in St. Louis with relatives. From there she will go to her home in Sedalia.

John A. Young recently made a personal survey of Sikeston and his figures show that a population of from 6200 to 6500 now live within our corporate limits. This is a very conservative estimate and hardly a day passes without calls for more houses and rooms.

Misses Myrtle and Irene Wright were hostesses at a bunking pparty Monday night in honor of Miss Maudie Walker, who left Tuesday for an extended stay with her father in Corona, Calif. The girls who enjoyed the night were Misses Nellie Rankin, Hazel Milem, Marie Swanagon, Lora Kem, Elsie Lepley, Letita Lackett, Gladys Schrum, Daphna Randolph and Ella Bailey.

Twice The Paper Half The Money

In order to encourage our subscribers to pay up and set their paper ahead, and to increase our list of readers, the management has decided to put the price of the Twice-a-Week Sikeston Standard down to 75c a year to all paying up to date and to new subscribers. The 75c will pay to January 1, 1926.

Remember, in order to get this rate our present subscribers will have to pay all arrears up to date at the regular $1.50 rate, then 75c will pay for the entire year of 1925.

These rates are good until January 15, 1925, and in Zone One only. Zone One covers approximately 125 miles in every direction from Sikeston.

THE SIKESTON STANDARD

SIKESTON, MISSOURI

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

William Oliver and wife to Amos Let: Lots 5 and 6 block 6 village of Tallapoosa, $1.00.

Himmelberger-Harrison Lbr. Co. to Henry Perly Rusk: All that portion lying east of the Little River in the NW¼ sec. 6 twp. 25 range 13 except right-of-way of the St. Louis-Ieon Mountain and Southern railway, containing 86.85 acres. For further description see book 81 page 474. $1.00 and other valuable consideration.

Henry Perly Rusk and wife to Himmelberger-Harrison Lbr. Co.: All that portion of the SW¼ sec. 23, twp. 21, range 11, lying east of the center line of ditch 1 and south of the center line ditch 57 of the Little River D. R., containing 13.09 aires. All that portion of the NW¼ sec. 26-21-11 lying east of center line ditch 1, Little Rive D. D. 110.65 acres; all that portion of the SW¼ 26-21-11 lying north of the public road or pole road 28.97 acres. Containing in all 152.71 acres. $100 and other valuable consideration.

J. B. Fletcher and wife to Louise Deane: One-half acres in the north central part of NE¼ sec. 19-21-14. See book 81, page 476. $300.

J. L. Leek and wife to W. M. Mocabee: Lot 3 block 4 city of Morehouse. $900.

The Standard $1.50, per year.

LYNCHING RECORD IS ONLY HALF AS HIGH AS IN 1923

Atlanta Ga., Dec. 5.—Such progress has been made in the fight against lynching in America that the churches are working with the "full expectation" of keeping the year 1926 free from lynchings, says the report of the Commission on Church and Race Relations to the fifth quadrennial meeting of the Federal Council of Churches here.

Up to November 1, of this year, there were 13 lynchings in the United States, a drop of 50 per cent compared with the same period for 1923.

The delegates also had the interracial question brought before them in an address prepared for delivery by Bishop Frederick P. Reese of Georgia.

Bishop Reese took the position that interracial co-operation and harmony between the white and negro races can be brought about only when the churches release the sense of brotherhood toward every man.

"The negro is not like the white man in every particular. There are striking differences physical and mental, but he is one with the white man in his essential humanity", he said. "When the churches have convinced their own peoples and have led them to accept that truth and base their relations to the negro on that principle there will be cordial co-operation and confidence between the races".

COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Judge Walker Grants Injunction

Judge Walker on Wednesday, December 3, while holding court at Kennett issued temporary injunction restraining S. E. Newhouse and Frank Brooks, of Dexter. from selling cotton to any other firm or corporation except the Missouri Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association.

The Co-operative method of selling cotton is effective when the Association controls sufficient cotton to make it effective. This fact is admitted in the market letter of H and B Beer on November 10, 1924, which reads as follows:

The indicated crop: 12,816,000 bales, plus linters, appears ample for the season's wants but owing to the strong financial position of the South, it is argued that it will be difficult to obtain cotton in quantity in the future except at higher prices, as much of this year's production is being placed in the hands of co-operative marketing associations in the interior for the purpose of holding for higher prices.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday last, Mrs. C. B. Watson gathered 30 dozen eggs from her flock of S. C. White Leghorns. She feeds Purina scratch feed in straw and keeps Purina chow and mash in a dry form before them all the time.

SUIT OVER RAIL ACCIDENT HEARD

Suit for $600 damages for an automobile, badly damaged in a collision with a Missouri Pacific train at a railroad crossing east of Sikeston, was being tried in Common Pleas Court here today.

The suit against the railroad was brought by Byron Guthrie, owner of the car. However, he was not driving it, having loaaned it to a friend.

In a suit involving the same accident, Mrs. Dola Vowels was given a verdict for $17,000 damages by a jury in circuit court at New Madrid, for injuries alleged to have been sustained in the accident.

The accident occurred at a crossing a half mile east of Sikeston where a detour had been made across the railroad tracks, while the rincipal highway was being improved. The highway and railroad run parallel to the crossing, where a right-angle turn to the right is made.

Attorneys for the plaintiff contend that the crossing was so rough that a car could not negotiate it without difficutly, this causing Guthrie's machine to stall on the track. The railroad attorneys contend that, as the highway and railroad run parallel, there was no excuse for the driver not seeing the train.—Cape Missourian.

"THE GARDEN OF WEEDS" BETTY COMPSON PICTURE

The subtleties and cunning intrigue possible to great wealth—and particularly as they affect one of the legion of chorus girls on Broadway—are strikingly depicted in "The Garden of Weeds", the new James Cruze production for Paramount starring Betty Compson and with Warner Baxter, Rockcliffe Fellowes, Charles Ogle and Al St. John in the featured cast, which comes to the Malone Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

Fellowes, as Phillip Craig, owns the luxurious "Garden of Weeds", a home where he maintains many hangers-on and where he delights to take the beauties of the theatre until he tires of them. Baxter, as Douglas Crawford, is a wealthy young man whom Fellowes hopes to entangle in a shady business deal and Ogle, as Henry Poulson, is one of Flagg's tools.

Betty Compson appears as Dorothy Delbridge a chorus girl who is understudying the leading lady in a show Fellowes is financing. She meets Fellowes, Ogle and Baxter almost at the same time; is attracted to Baxer and Spurns Fellowes invitation to visit his home. Piqued, he has her discharged and then contrives to meet her and renew his invitation. This time she accepts.

Weeks later she again meets Baxter and begins a secret friendship with him. They decide to get married, he knowing nothing of her present life. She breaks with Fellowes in a terrific scene in which he threatens to reveal her secret to Baxter, but they are married and go away for their honeymoon.

When they retun, she has still been unable to confess to her husband, and suddenly finds he has engaged a Japanese butler who was installed in the Fellowes mansion while she was there. To add to her horror, Fellowes turns up for dinner, and begins to taunt her with veiled jibes.

Suddenly breaking the strain, she runs to her husband and sobs out her confession. Fellowes attempts to carry off the situation with a show of bravado, but the men face each other across the table and Baxter calmly announces that he intends to kill Fellowes. The woman screams as the men struggle. From that point the story moves swiftly to a tensely dramatic finale under the skilled guidance of Director Cruze.

"The Garden of Weeds" was originally a successful New York play by Leon Gordon and Doris Marquette. It was adapted for the screen by Walter Woods and Anthony Coldewey. Karl Brown veteran of the Cruze unit for Paramount supervised photography.

COOLIDGE'S MESSAGE ANGERS SOUTHERNERS

Washington, Dec. 5.—Southern Senators and Representatives are becoming more and more irate over the interpretation they read into President Coolidge's reference to the negro in his message to Congress.

Hints have come from administration sources that the President meant to indicate his support of the famous force bill that the late Senator Lodge of Massachusetts championed in earlier days. It was this bill, calling for Federal supervision of the polls and potentially the use of Federal troops to see that the negro was not kept away from the ballot box in the South, that so inflamed many Southerners that they never forgave Lodge.

Lodge's first big fight in Congress was made on this measure, which went down finally under the bitterest kind of assault. But whether Mr. Coolidge really intended to revive this issue or whether he desired to gratify varrious negro forces that aided him in the election are questions nobody is able to answer.

"I firmly believe", said the Coolidge message, "that it is better for all concerned that they (the negroes) should be protected from all of these impositions to which, from their position, they naturally fall a prey, especially the crime of lynching. * *"

It was this phrase that was taken by the Southerner to mean indorsement of the Force bill, although the prevalent opinion is that Mr. Coolidge's purpose was political rather than a serious effort to sponsor such legislation.

Mr. Coolidge's message was taken to indorse the anti-lynching bill as well as more drastic legislation. That his purpose however, was to appease the negroes without really intending to act is deducted from the fact that no legislation is in view to realize the aspirations the President expressed.

Also, administration Senators admit no such legislation will be attempted seriously. None could possibly get into the hopper this session without blockading the supply bills. It may be tried later before the by-elections, but only as a political gesture.

The point on which Southern Democratic hostility rises to its greatest height is the charge that Mr. Coolidge played with the Ku Klux Klan all the way before election and harbored no such kindly sentiments for the negro until election day had passed and it became politically safe to do so.

EGYPTIAN SERENADERS HERE DECEMBER 22

Sikeston's 1924 Christmas dance will be held at the Armory, in the Russell Brothers building.

Extensive plans are now under way for the re-surfacing of the floor and the decoration of this hall, which it is believed will make a wonderful place for future dances.

Adjoining the dance hall is a large room, nicely finished, which will be converted into a ladies rest room.

The Serenaders, the most popular musicians appearing in Southeast Missouri, have only one other date in Missouri during the Holidays, that being at Poplar Bluff, December 31, therefore nothing is being left undone, to make this a social success.

T. W. Stephin of Gillespie, Ill., was a visitor in Sikeston Tuesday and paid The Standard a pleasant call.

The big Mid-Winter Opening at Chillicothe Business College occurs January 5th. New classes will start then and many will enter upon bookkeeping,banking, stenographic, telegraph and civil service courses.

The Standard believes no city of its size anywhere that has such a high class lot of grocery stores as Sikeston. All carry large and well selected stocks of staple and fancy groceries, and a number of them carry green groceries and fruits the year round. If you have the money you can get anything the markets of the world supply in Sikeston.

Sikestonians Consumed 1800 Pounds of "Sugar Creek" Butter During November

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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Being an assistant grain inspector is not such a bad job after all. Tanner Dye drew down $345 for his October month salary which is not to be sneezed at. His regular salary is $125 per month but he is allowed 10 cents per mile for visiting other points and testing grain and during October covered 2200 miles.

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In order that there shall be no misunderstanding about the matter the management will say that our present subscribers, in order to get the 75c rate, will be expected to pay up their subscription to the present time, then 75c will pay them to January 1, 1926. All new subscribers and renewals will receive the 75c rate until January 15, 1925.

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A Man Who Knows told the editor of The Standard that eleven Sikeston women were trading in Cairo the same day recently. One of the women said she had spent $92 and believed she made the least purchases of any of them. Why is this? Do our merchants neglect the quality desired or is the local quality out of date? This is mighty bad on the old home town, but good on the neighboring towns.

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Taxes may be defined as a demand which everybody favors on the theory that somebody else is going to pay it. Government has done less to educate the people in the principle of taxes than in any other political subject. It is even worse than that, political emphasis has general'y encouraged the delusion that taxes are always paid by someone else. The tariff tax, we are told, is paid by the consumer. The property tax, we are told, is paid by the landlord; we know it is paid by the tenant. The commodity tax, it is asserted, is paid by the maker; it is paid by the user. It cannot be otherwise, since there is no source of wealth but the public as a whole, and it is the public as a whole that pays all the tax—even the income tax.—Henry Ford.

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Now that Kentucky's anti-gossip law has been put to the test and taken definite toll in the form of a fine imposed upon a farmer's wife who, it is claimed, had asserted, in the presence of witnesses, that the police of Owensboro were "fifty-fifty with bootleggerfs", it will certainly behoove Kentuckians to mind their p's and q's as never before. This law, passed at the last session of the Legislature, provides that gossip shall be looked on as a misdemeanor, and imposes a fine of from $10 to $100 and from 10 to 50 days in jail on any person found guilty of making or circulating false reports. One smiles at the thought of such a law, but if only one-half of the tragedies which have had their origin in slander and scandal could have been avoided, what a different world this would have been.—Christian Science Monitor.

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The Standard $1.50, per year.

SAYS AGRICULTURE IS COMING INTO ITS OWN

Chacago, Dec. 5.—"Agriculture is again cming ino its own", said Finley P. Mount, president of the National Association of Farm Euipment Manufacturers, in opening the annual meeting of the Tractor and Thresher Department of the national association here today.

"At no time in the past have the problems of agriculture received more widespread attention than the immediate present", he asserted. "After nearly four years of depression due to many and varied causes, accompanied by the offer of innumerable panaceas, legislative, political and theoretical, we have now a concurrence o ftwo important and significant events. First, the very great rise in the price of farm porducts; second, a national committee appointed by the President to give the whole problem a careful business-like and non-political study with a view toward pointing out some course which will tend to keep agriculture on a party with other industries.

"Both general business and the public at large are being reminded, as never before, that there can be no general sustained prosperity in this country unless accompanied by a like prosperity on the farm. If the new agricultural commission is able to point the way to better methods of production and marketing, to saving the gains already made in farm price advance, it will have accomplished a great good not only for agriculture but for the nation as well".

The year 1924 saw a substantial improvement over 1923 and 1925 promises still better in the export field for American farm equipment, according to E. J. Gittins, chairman of the executive committee of theassociation.

"The facts are that the foreign trade in 1924 has been quite an improvement over 1923 and the outlook now is foor a decided improovement for 1925 and that the other fields where American implements are sold will continue to improve at least for another year. Those who have fixed connections in foreign countries with an established trade should realize a fine foreign business next year".

When Mrs. Mary Bates, aged 84, and Peter Bane, aged 82, were married at Vanceburg, Ky., the bride had her hair bobbed and was gowned in the latest fashion.

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Governments are funny institutions. The one we support built the super-dreadnaught Washington at an expense of twenty million dollars. Just as it was nearing completion the mighty boat was towed out to sea and used as a target for bombs from earth air and sea, while shouts of laughter went up from Great Britain and Japan, with whom we had negotiated a treaty for the limitation of naval armaments but neither of whom has destroyed anything other than obsolete ships. But, funny as Governments are, the people who finance them with taxes are funnier. Nowhere was any indignation voiced at the deliberate destruction of twenty million dollars' worth of bran new property. On every hand, however, there would have been organized opposition to the expenditure of that much money for a great highway or two across the continent or for the establishment of high schools in districts that are too destitute to maintain them. How many people stop to think that every time the Government wastes twenty million dollars it must replace the money by imposing taxes and making high prices on things the average citizen must buy, or that the high cost of staple goods is largely due to the high cost of Government?—Paris Appeal.

VALLEY ASSOCIATION MAKES APPEAL FOR TRISTATE BRIDGE

Cairo, Ill., December 7.—Speaking at the juncture of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to members of the American Legion from Southern Illinois, gathered on a steamer as part of the "All-Egyptian" Legion ra'ly program here today, E. A. Smith, president of the Mississippi Valley Highway Association, made an appeal for the construction of the proposed tri-state memorial bridge linking the highways systems of Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky.

Smith emphasized the strategic importance of the bridge, both in peace and war, pointing to the enormous growth in highway transportation and to the military importance of Cairo during the civil war, when it served as the principal inland supply post of both the army and navy, Gen. Grant having made his headquarters here during the 1861 and 1862 campaign. "While these two great rivers served in the civil war as great military transportation carriers, in these times of peace they are national transportation carriers", said Mr. Smith.

"Construction of the tri-state bridge would forever bind the North and South, East and West."

"In memory of the ex-service men of the world war a bill was introduced at the last session of Congress by Congressman Fulbright of Missouri, authorizing a survey and estimate of the cost of a tri-state bridge at or near the injunction of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, for the purpose of determining the practicability and feasibility as a connecting link in the existing or proposed interstate highways, and as a memorial to ex-service men. This bill, along with others of similar nature introduced by Representative Denison of Illinois, Representative Barclay of Kentucky and Senator McKinley of Illinois, if favorably acted upon by the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, will provide a starting point for the construction of a grand, serviceable memorial, in perpetual memory to those who served their country and brought honor and glory to this nation, while serving the living for generations to come in a connected system of highway transportion".

"Railways are required by state statute to provide highway crossings over their rails at all important highway crossings for the public's use", added Mr. Smith. "Why should not the Federal Government be required to provide a highway crossing over its waterways at an important transportation gateway as a public convenience and necessity?"

The tri-state bridge would directly serve a population within a radius of 100 miles of about 1,900,000 people, he pointed out. The bridge would connect the interstate highways of Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky, having a population of 12,305,965 or about 11½ per cent of the total of the United States. The bridge, said Mr. Smith, has been indorsed by the Mississippi Valley Highway Association, the International Peace Highway Association and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

Christian Church

9:45—Sunday School.
6:30—Christian Endeavor.
You are cordially invited to attend these services.

A jury in Circuit Court at Caruthersville, Friday, found Late Duncan, a laborer of New Madrid, guilty of the murder last August of Claude Kelly of New Madrid and fixed his punishment at 10 years in the penitentiary. The jury deliberated almost two days and nights, having received the case at noon Wednesday. The case came here on a change of venue from New Madrid County Circuit Court. Kelly, a laborer, was killed in an argument about a woman. Duncan pleaded self-defense.

GOV. HYDE OUSTS DEMOCRAT AND APPOINTS REPUBLICAN

Jefferson City, Dec. 8.—Setting aside of the appointment of a Democrat as assessor of New Madrid County, which had been made by the New Madrid County Court, and appointment of a Republican, C. W. Stevenson of Lilbourn, to fill the assessor's office was announced today by Governor Hyde.

At the last election New Madrid County voted to do away with the township assessor plan, which has been in force there, and this automatical'y created the office of County Assessor the Governor stated. The County Court, Democratic in makeup, immediately appointed Floyd B. Gale, Democrat, for the job.

Republicans of the county took the matter up with the Governor's office and an opinion, based on past decisions of the Supreme Court, was rendered by the Attorney General to the effect the appointment should be made by the Governor. Hyde then appointed Stevenson, who was supported by the New Madrid County Republican Committee.

REINDEER COULD REPAY WHAT ALASKA COST U. S.

Washington, Dec. 8.—General use of Alaskan reindeer vension in the United States as an article of diet soon will be possible, depending merely on the matter of transportation, the Bureau of Education predicted today in an annual report, which said that Alaska's domestic herds now are worth $1,500,000 more than this government paid Russia in 1867 for the entire territory.

The industry, which began in 1892, when the bureau imported the first of the animals from Siberia, has developed until the herd at present numbers some 350,000, about 235,000 of which belong to the natives, who rely upon deer for a livelihood, as well as for food and clothing.

A problem confronting the bureau is to reorganize the industry on a co-operative basis so as to handle the increasing herds more efficiently and to market the meat more economically.

CASTRO, FORMER DICTATOR OF VENEZUELA, DIES IN EXILE

San Juan, P. R. December 5.—Cipriano Castro, former Venezuelan dictator, in exile here, died at midnight from hemorrhage of the stomach.

Gen. Castro, who was 66 years old, had resided here since 1916. He had been in ill health for years, but frequently was seen on the streets of San Juan, where he lived quietly with his wife and several near relatives.

Gen. Castro, who was frequently alluded to as the "stormy petrel of South America", was President of Venezuela from 1899 to 1908, when he started for Germany for an operation which the Venezuelan physicians were unwilling to perofrm.

When on ship off shore, Juan Vicente Gomez, whom Castro had left at the head of the Government, sent word to his former chief not to return nd ordered the Castro family to leave Venezuela within 24 hours.

The family settle here, this causing Castro to make Porto Rico his home years later.

NOTICE OF SALE OF BUSINESS AND FIRM DISSOLUTION

December 6, 1924

Notice is hereby given that the partnership between E. L. Toof and H. A. Toof, doing business in the name of Toof & Toof, Guthrie building, Paducah, Kentucky, has been dissolved by mutual ageement and H. A. Toof will continue the operation of said business under the name of Toof & Toof as the sole owner thereof and all accounts of said firm have been transferred accordingly.

The business of Toof & Toof in Sikeston, Mo., and Kennett, Mo., respectively has been sold to C. E. Gustafson of Memphis, Tenn., and said Toof & Toof will have no further connection of any character with the conduct of said businesses.

Probably there will not be a family in Sikeston who will not be visited by Santa Claus this year, but if there should be any children that may be forgotten it should be reported to some one. It costs so little to make children happy that each one of us should go out of our way to help them.

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No substance that refuses to dissolve in water has an odor. It is the actual substance itself, floating in the air, that appeals to the nose, and not simply a vibration of the air, as in the case of light and sound. The damper a thing is the more powerful odor it gives off. A pleasant proof of the fact can be had in walking in a garden after rain. There is no end to the curiosities of smell. It is, for instance, the vapor of a liquid that smells and not the liquid in the mass itself. If eau de Cologne be poured into the nostril, the nose refuses to recognize any odor there at all.

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Rice, Fancy Head, lb.	7c	Coffee, Evans' Anchor brand, can	50c
Oats, large package	19c	Coffee, Fancy Rio, can	30c
Oats, small pkg.	10c	Milk, Pet, large can	10c
Shredded Wheat, pkg.	12½c	Milk, Pet, small can	5c
Post Toasties, small size	10c	Pure Country Sorghum, gal.	$1.00
Post Toasties, large size	15c	Milk, Eagle Brand, can	19c
Kelloggs Bran, pkg.	10c	New South Sorghum, gal.	85c
Swansdown Cake Flour, large size	29c	New South Sorghum, ½ gal.	44c
Grape Nuts, pkg.	16c	Jelly Rex, 5-lb. bucket,	43c
Cream of Wheat, pkg.	21c	Syrup, White House, gal.	66c
Raisins, Sun Maid, 16 oz.	13c	Syrup, Domino, 2-lb. can	17c
Raisins, Sun Maid, bulk, lb.	10c	Soap, Laundry, all kinds, per bar	4c
Calumet Baking Powder, 1-lb. can	28c	Matches, Parlor, per box	4c
K. C. Baking Powder, 25-oz. can	21c	Evaporated Peaches, fancy, lb.	14c
Lipton's Tea, ½-lb. can	44c	Evaporated Apricots, Fancy, lb.	24c
Lipton's Tea, ¼-lb. can	24c	Evaporated Apples, Fancy, lb.	16c
Coffee, Fancy Peaberry, lb.	43c	Evaporated Prunes, Fancy, lb.	13c

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Pork Sausage, pure pork, lb.	15c	Fresh County Eggs, doz.	50c
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Bacon, Swift, box	38c		

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WARNING AGAINST INSURING IN UNLICENSED COMPANIES

Jefferson City Dec. 5.—Ben C. Hyde, Superintendent of the State Insurance Department, today issued warnings to about 25 of the larger insurance agencies in St. Louis, Kansas City and other cities, against writing of insurance policies in companies that are not licensed to do business in Missouri. Hyde stated the department had received complaints that a considerable amount of such insurance was being written by agents in Missouri.

The complaints center on policies of the London Lloyd Co., it was stated. This company is not licensed to do business in Missouri, and, according to the insurance department, has been denied a license by most of the states. The policies being written are a blanket form on property, coverig fire tornnado, storm, wind and other causes of damage.

The Lloyd Co. has been barred, it was said, because it writes the insurance at a rate lower than other companies can meet and has not complied with the State requirements on insurance.

Tuesday, a boy named Simmons, living East of Bernie, swallowed a cockle-burr while drawing his breath through his gloved hands. A surgeon from St. Louis, who was hunting near Bernie, was called on to relieve the lad, but refused such a delicate operation. He was brought to Dr. W. C. Dickerman here who performed an operation of tracheotomy, and the boy went back home Wednesday. Drs. Bennett and Craig assisted in the operation.—Dexter Statesman.

The most important natural product of Siam is teak-wood.

Four thousand yards of thread is the spinning record of a silk worm.

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NOTICE TO CITY TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given that your 1924 taxes are now due and will become delinquent January 1, 1925. Please call at my office in the City Hall and take care of same.

S. N. Shepherd, Collector City of Sikeston

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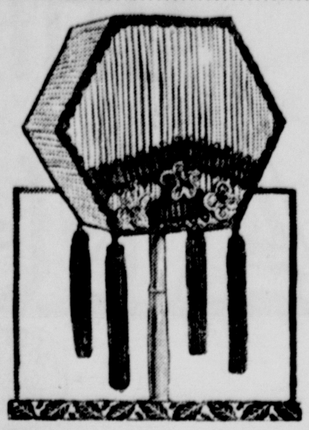

Happy is the home-maker who receives pretty lamp or candle shades at Christmas time—nothing helps more to deck out the house and make it cheerful. Here is a new shade made of thin silk, or fine crepe paper, in two colors, rose and light blue. A wire frame is first covered with the rose color, put in plain, and over this the light blue is plaited. Gold lace, silk or paper roses and four tassels finish off this novelty in shades.

MISSOURI WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Kansas City—Contracts to be awarded for construction of approximately 100 miles of hard-surface road between this city and St. Louis.

Jefferson City—Broadcasting station of Missouri State Marketing Bureau reopened.

Bolton—Establishment of pleasure resort under consideration.

Novinger—Farmers' Co-operative Association ships carload of hogs.

Webb City—Plans under way to construct two-way paved route thru city.

Stockton—Ozark Utilities Company constructing transmission line to Caplinger Mills.

Aurora—Approximately fourteen car'oads of Ozark turkeys shipped to eastern markets.

Kansas City—Cornerstone laid for erection of First Lutheran church.

Excelsior Springs—Camp being established for construction of state highway to Elkhorn.

St. James—Cornerstone formally laid for new church.

Monett—Paving on Second, Third and Fourth streets being repaired.

Boonville—Right-of-way being secured for construction of hard-surface highway No. 2.

Kansas City—Tentative plans being prepared for Indiana avenue subway.

Creighton—Work on drainage ditch bridge south of town nearing completion.

St. Joseph—Twenty-five acre site purchased for construction of new city hospital.

Joplin—Riverside park to be converted into one of the best and most popular p'aygrounds in district.

Bunceton—Bonds voted for installation of modern fire equipment.

Carrollton—New Highway to Bowdry lake opened to traffic.

Kansas City—South roadway of Ward Park to be paved from Main street to Wornall road.

Warrensburg—Right-of-way being secured for proposed highway No. 13, 10 miles north of here.

Cassville—Mining activities thruout district unusually active; 300-ton mill being erected on Velton land.

Carthage—Barton County Petroleum Company organized to lease, prospect and develop oil, gas, coal, zinc and lead properties.

New Florence—Roads in course of construction throughout district to be pushed to completion.

Excelsior Springs—Liberty dairy shipping between four and five truckloads of milk daily to Kansas City.

Monett—Beatric Creamery Company opens local branch plant.

Funny Sprites for Tree

A funny sprite for the Christmas tree—looks as if he were dressed in a chrysanthemum. He stands guard over a little box whose contents are a sweet secret.

Wire wound with crepe paper makes his long arms and legs and supports his head of painted cardboard—and crepe paper provides his rakish cap and outstanding skirt. He will suggest other grotesque and amusing figures—to be made in the same way.

GAMBLERS RAIDED TUESDAY NIGHT

The negro cabin on Judge Carroll's lot by the Missouri Pacific track, near the school house, was the scene of a gambling game known as draw poker on Tuesday night of this week and seated at the table were Oscar Brown, a negro, the renter of the cabin, Do'l Lyons, another negro and a pair of whites, O. L. Davis of Vanduser, and Luther Glass of Sikeston. Another negro was in the room, an innocent bystander as it were, as he was not in the game. Tom Monan, Frisco night man, informed Deputy Sheriff Burks, that he and officer Jim Noblin and looked thru a knot ho'e and saw the sports at the table, but Office Monan was conveniently absent when Burks, Noblin and Tindley arrived at the negro cabin at 12:00 o'clock midnight. After each of the officers took a knot hole peep, they broke open the door and arrested all five occupants of the room. Doll Lyon and the innocent on-looker, and Luther Glass paid fines of $10 and costs, while Davis put put a talk that he would appear Wednesday and settle as he was almost compelled to return the car to Vanduser for the use of his wife, who needed the car. He had not returned Thursday morning. Brown was in jail Thursday morning with his case not disposed of. Willie Chambers was the name of the on-looker.

The Brown shack was equipped for all kinds of games as two dice cups with dice were taken as were two revolvers.

Just about the time the gamesters were turned lose, Officer Monan appeared. Davis told Deputy Sheriff Burks that Monan gave him the assurance that he (Monan) knew nothing of the proposed raid and had nothing to do with it. Glass told Burks that Monan said he tried to beat the raiders to the cabin to warn them, but didn't have time to get there.

The story above is as given The Standard by the Deputy Sheriff, who says he intends to prefer charges against Monan before the Board of Aldermen at their next meeting.

DOGHILL PARAGRAPHS

Frisby Hancock's friends are advising him to apply for a patent on a rocking chair attachment which will turn a grindstone.

Clab Hancock's yellow mule, Agnes, kicked her way out of the barn on Wednesday night and left for parts unknown. Clab says the finder may keep her, and no questions asked, but kindly return the ha'ter.

The proprietor of the livery stable got word that some Washington senators had organized a baseball nine and won the championship. The wooden-legged man of Calf Ribs said he always understood senators were hired to make laws and cut down the taxes.

Yam Sims ventured out in the rain last Sunday and got the rubber in his gaiter shoes wet; now he cannot make much progress until he gets some washers to go on his ankles.

Sap Spradlen sneezed so loud today he could be heard for some distance. It is not known whether he was just trying to attract attention or could not help it when he looked at the sun.

The Tin Peddler, who recently sold Jefferson Potlocks a washpan and bar of soap on the instal'ment plan, has not noticed a financial improvement in himself, but he does notice a temporary change for the better in Jeff.

Cricket Hicks says it looks like he gets the worst of it every time he seeks advice. Today he asked Luke Mathewsla, our oldest inhabitant, for some advice as how to start out the day and what should be done first and Luke after re'lighting his pipe told Sid that by far the first thing to be done every morning was to put on his clothes.

Atlas Peck, who up to the election admitted he didn't know who was going to get elected, is now declaring he knew all the time how it was going.

By a new French invention, the pilot of an airplane in case of accident pulls a lever, the fuselage opens like a big umbrella, and plane and passenger float down to earth.

So far as is known, the building which really deserves the distinction of being the largest building in the world is the eight-story warehouse of the United States army base in Brooklyn. It contains fifty-two acres of floor space, nearly twice that of the Equitable Building in New York City.

The first man to use electric lights on the American stage was Bolossy Kiralfy, a veteran theatrical producer, who introduced this manner of lighting more than fifty years ago in his first New York playhouse. He was assisted by Thomas Edison, who has among his cherished possessions a program of that show on which appears, "Novel electric effects by the Edison Electric Light Company, under the personal direction of Mr. Thomas Edison".

BUILDING AND LOAN SELLING NEW STOCK

In the accordance with the instruction of the new Board of Directors of the Sikeston Building and Loan Association, the Secretary has been "talking up" the local Association to prospective shareholders with the result that 126 new shares have been subscribed since December 1st, as follows:

	Shares
Harry Lampert	15
J. R. Shuppert	10
J. A. Andres	10
J. Edgar White	10
Mary Presnell	10
B. J. Sands	10
John A. O'Hara	7
W. W. Scott	7
Steve G. Witt	6
Mary Jane Sikes	5
Nancy A. Key	5
H. H. Martin	5
Chas. M. Lancaster	5
Mrs. R. S. Coleman	5
E. H. Smith	5
W. M. Krefoot	5
Pearl Jones	5
Sylvia Arbaugh (paid up stock)	1

You will agree that this is a good beginning and that all the shareholders should be greatly encouraged to talk the building and loan idea on all hands. It is a significant fact that you never hear any objections to the building and loan plan. Any sensible man or woman who has the plan exp'ained to them, readily grasps the salient features and endorses it in its entirety. No one turns down building and loan because fo lack of faith in it—too many other obligations may prevent subscriptions of shares, however.

As a safe, sane and sensible savings and investment you can't beat building and loan. Where can you invest your money so that a little over $600 spread over a period of 10 years will yield you over $300 in accumulations? If you want to own your own home—buy or build through building and loan. You get a'l your money right off the reel and pay it back like gent. In ten years time or less you own your home.

If you are interested yourself or if you know of anyone else who is interested, please get in touch with the Secretary at the Chamber of Commerce room, telephone 526, who will be glad to explain the plan in detail.

It has been discovered by an archeologist that gloves were worn by both the ancient Egyptians and the ancient Hebrews.

An entire city block has been purchased on Washington Heights, New York City, the loftiest section of the metropolis, and a twenty-four story Romanesque cathedral known as Broadway Temple will be erected by the Methodist Episcopal Church. This will be a modern apartment house capable of housing five hundred persons, with p'aygrounds on the roof. The money derived from rentals will be put toward the cost of the building and to help other churches.

PERSONAL NEWS

Of Town and Country

Mrs. Randol Wilson entertained with Bridge Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lynn Stallcup is spending this week in Memphis, Tenn., with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pitman and son Harold spent Sunday and Monday in Piggott, Ark.

Mrs. J. Stewart Blackton spent several days of this week with her husband in Gideon.

Mrs. David Lewis of Bertrand was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Fox and family, Sunday.

C. E. Martin of Sedalia arrived on Tuesday for a few days visit with his sister, Mrs. G. P. Van Arsdale, Sr., and family.

Mesdames Harry Dover, Albert Wylie, Harry Young, Clarence Felker and Miss Josephine Robinson spent Wednesday in Cape Girardeau.

We regret to say that Judge Lescher is still confined to his home and is a very sick man. He has had some excessively hard chills and is quite weak. Dr. Presnell is attending him.

Dean Limbaugh stood for a grocery bill for a negro tenant. The negro started to the cotton field the other morning, but failed to return. On investigation, Dean found his team tied to a saplin and the negro gone. Now a $70 grocery bill is waiting to be paid.

There is a joint run by a negro man on the Frank Smith farm just south of Sikeston that shou'd be called to the attention of the officers of New Madrid County, and especially to Mr. Smith. This honk-a-tonk is frequented by white women as well as negroes and is certainly a rotten spot by the road. Last week "Vinegar Jim" was relieved of $65 by some of the frequenters. The Vigalantes should take note.

The D. A. R. met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Anderson Saturday afternoon with Miss Adilda McCord and Mrs. Anderson as hostesses. Mrs. Thos. Mather was leader for the afternoon, her subject being "Early American Literature". Four young girls danced the Minuet. Mrs. G. P. Martin of Arrow Rock gave an interesting talk on Historic Old Tavern at Arrow Rock, which has been purchased by the D. A. R. to be used as a State Chapter House. Mrs. David Woods of St. Louis was another out-of-town guest.

The Standard s of he opinion that the talk of contesting the election of Sam Baker as Governor is nonsense. There is no doubt but what hundreds of illegal votes were cast by negroes in Southeast Missouri, but when it comes down to a contest to overcome Baker's majority, we don't believe they can find enough to put Nelson in. To contest such a majority with the evidence in sight would be poor politics. The Democrats were so smoothly and so decisively beaten that it did not hurt nearly as bad as some would think.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR W. B. A.

The W. B. A. elected the following officers at their meeting Monday night.

Commander, Mrs. Minnie Anderson.

Lieut. Commander, Mrs. Belle Morrison.

Past Commander, Mrs. Frances Moody.

Chaplain, Mrs. Vetha Killgore.

Record Keeper, Mrs. Effie Carter.

Collector—Mrs. John Fox.

Lady at Arms, Mrs. Robert McCarthy.

Sargeant, Mrs. Stella Moll.

Sentinel, Mrs. Gussie Cole.

Pickett, Mrs. Neal Kornegger.

Jr. Commander, Mrs. Mattie Inman.

Queen's Advisor, Mrs. Myrtle Marshall.

Captain of Guards, Mrs. Freda Corzine.

Color Bearer, 1 and 2, Mrs. Mary Limbaugh and Mrs. Gertrude Talley.

Insigns, 1 and 2, Mrs. Mable Moffit and Mrs. Levy Smith.

Mrs. Phil Gervig entertained Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of this week with Bridge.

Mohammedans will eat no meat unless a prayer it uttered while one of their own religion cuts the throats of the animal.

Mrs. R. P. Stubblefield and small daughter of Chaffee arrived Monday for a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollister.

Arnold Stone is one of the many who have been afflicted with a severe cold. He appeared to be improving, came down town and had to go back to bed, threatened with pneumonia.

With the completion of highway No. 16 from Poplar Bluff to Jefferson City, one of he most beautiful routes in Missouri will be opened to tourists and vacationists. It is planned to have this road finished in time for the next summer traffic, according to local highway officers.

Mrs. C. M. Smith, Sr., who has been ill the past several weeks, is recovering nicely and is able to be up now.

FOR CHRISTMAS

What could be better than

A RADIO

for the family.

Murry Q. Tanner

Agent for Atwater-Kent Radios and Supplies

Call 470 Sikeston, Mo.

FANCY BASKETS
The Gift Shop
DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST

A Christmas Welcome To All

And it will be doubly appreciated by the tired shopper who comes here and sees the splendid array of gift articles conveniently arranged for gift choosing. We could list but a few of the many items that you will see here—and at the prices we offer our merchandise, many economies are possible.

YOU CHOOSE FROM THE BEST

When you come here shopping for your Groceries, you choose from the highest quality Food Stuffs at all times. Yet choosing this place to buy is economy, as prices show. Blue Label canned goods—the best on the market.

GIFT HANDKERCHIEFS

Never have we had such a wide variety of Dainty Handkerchiefs to offer you at this season of the year.

Many are finished by hand, imparting added beauty to their appearance.

PHONE 126—FREE DELIVERY SERVICE

Patterson & Zillmer

Moore Building Malone Avenue

ART POTTERY
The Gift Shop
DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST

Christmas Means Toys to the Children

So why disappoint them when you can choose as many as you want here at a cost so small you will never notice it.

We have a few slightly soiled Dolls which we are closing out at very low figures. See them.

H AND S ECONOMY STORE

One Fundamental Principle

By J. B. M. CLARK

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WHEN Kate Ogilvie heard privately that it was the pretty girl in Rev. Mr. Haywood's choir who had thrown over an admirer on the strength of advice from "Molly Molloy" of the "Heartiewue" page of the Montreal Weekly Meteor, she experienced a sudden distaste for her job. For she herself was Molly Molloy, and had heretofore given counsel on affairs of the heart with a zest that the subsequent enthusiasm of the recipients invariably whetted, and which was rarely dampened by untoward happenings.

In this particular case, on the testified diffidence and lack of resolution of a needy suitor, she had advised refraining an unsatisfactory "understanding" to an end and the accepting of a wealthy, if elderly, admirer. And the passionate cry of the discarded one: "To h—l with Molly Molloy! You might have given me a white man's chance to make good!" borne through strange channels to her ears, made her so sick at heart that she threw up a good position and went to visit an old college chum in Los Angeles. Lasted, liking the new environment, she sought to re-enter the newspaper world, but finding conditions difficult in the Pacific coast city, went pro tem into the receiving department of a dry goods store as a bookkeeper. And there, in the course of the following year, she made the acquaintance of Charlotte Bosbyshell and Richard Appleton.

Charlotte Bosbyshell (known as "Bobby") was twenty-one years of age and reasonably attractive, but having no steady beau was obsessed by the bleakness of the outlook. She had been in the receiving department for two years. Appleton, who had drifted down from Seattle or somewhere in the North, was understood to be slinging at the "movies." He was nearer thirty than twenty and was of a studious turn. Bobby decided that he would suit her and she strove to captivate him, even seeking advice from Waddington, the married head of the department.

"Well, I can't help you," said Waddington. "Whom do you want to vamp now?"

"Oh, no one special," replied Bobby truthfully. But she showed Appleton photographs of herself in hiking attire and contrived to be near the door when he left at night so that they might go to the car together.

Alice Ogilvie, who was nearer Appleton's own age, discussed economic questions with him, particularly serfdom, but did not approve of the solution of state endowment of motherhood, fearing that it might lead to a worse serfdom still. They talked over this and kindred topics, and discovered they had much in common. He took her to shows on several occasions. . . . Once they had supper together . . . on one of their outings they met Bobby.

Bobby asked Kate quite frankly at the first opportunity if there was anything serious between her and Mr. Appleton, as she herself was getting very fond of him. Besides, Bobby understood from something Kate had once said, that she was interested in "somebody back East"—But she really wasn't. "Nothing at all, Bobby," said Kate cheerily. "Go ahead, my dear, I wish you luck."

Although generous, Bobby did not see very deeply into things, and she told Appleton at the first opportunity. It did settle him. He was inclined to disbelieve it, and thought Kate was trying to be funny about his hurt. He got his chance in the "movies" soon after this, and made rapid headway. They heard he was doing well. He found a place for Bobby after a time, first as an extra, and then in a minor part. She had some natural talent and she worked hard. And after a time, things having become so very different, Bobby fell in love with a camera man and married him.

Whether or not Appleton was greatly concerned is difficult to ascertain at this time. He was greatly engrossed in the career that lay ahead of him. A somewhat piquant situation was unexpectedly created by his old love, suddenly left a rich young widow, coming out to look for him and forgiveness. It was not to be had at any price, but inadvertently she gave him full particulars about how she had not got the cute little property to Molly Molloy—had in fact cherished some hope that what had actually happened might take place, for she had been aware that the elderly suitor was delicate. But Appleton had been so bitter in his anger that she did not like to explain, and so had blamed everything on Molly Molloy.

"The trouble with you, Kate," said Appleton soon after, taking hold of her chin and turning her face to his, "is that with all your knowledge of affairs of the heart, and your supposed deep understanding of their workings, you have missed one very fundamental principle, namely, that a man can very rarely be 'wished' off from one woman to another. Why didn't you tell me you were Molly Molloy—especially as you had a clear case—?"

"I didn't know how you might take it," she said, her eyes dropping. "The clear case might have been difficult to establish. I didn't want to lose your respect. . . . And so . . . ."

"And so you did the foolish thing?" he suggested, kissing her.

"Yes," she replied, with wonderful meekness for so self-confident and erudite a person.

CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP SALE

Everything in the Store GREATLY REDUCED

Buy now and save money for Christmas. There is a wonderful saving in every purchase. Don't let the opportunity slip.

THESE PRICES ARE MADE FOR CASH

The shortness of our crops and the extreme mildness of the weather are responsible for a surplus in our store of desirable winter merchandise. In order to reduce our stock before inventory we are throwing out on sale our entire stock at ridiculous prices.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19, at 3:30 P. M. A FORD TOURING CAR WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. During This Sale You Will Have Double Opportunity To Own It. Our sale will open with a flood of bargains. Our prices cannot be equalled or our quality surpassed. A visit with us will make you glad. Come early and come now.

This sale will prove to be the best friend of the economical Christmas shopper. It comes right at a time when you will want to make your Christmas purchases. You will find plenty of gift suggestions here—and at unheard-of-before-Christmas prices.

MEN'S DEPARTMENT

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

$50.00 values $39.75
$40.00 values $32.75
$35.00 values $27.50
$30.00 values $23.75
$25.00 values $18.75
$22.50 values $16.95
One lot of Suits and Overcoats, values to $25.00, while they last $14.95
One lot of Overcoats, extra good values $9.95

MEN'S UNDERWEAR

Men's extra heavy fleeced Union Suits, $1.50 values, while they last $1.29
Men's heavy ribbed Union Suits, $1.50 to $1.75 values, while they last $1.19
Men's heavy fleeced and heavy ribbed Shirts and Drawers, $1.00 values, while they last 79c

BOY'S UNDERWEAR GREATLY REDUCED

MEN'S HEAVY SHIRTS

$5.00 to $6.00 values, while they last $3.95
One lot of Army Shirts, with lined bosoms and double elbows, also fancy plaid, $3.00 values closing out at $1.95
One lot of khaki and heavy wool mixed, with pockets, full cut, $2.50 values, now going at .. $1.45
One lot of fancy plaids, $1.95 values, while they last $1.25
One lot of heavy Flannelette Shirts in blue, grey and khaki, $1.00 values, now going at 79c

MEN'S BLUE AND GREY WORK SHIRTS

Extra full cut, two pockets, in blue, grey and khaki, $1.00 to $1.25 values, now going at 85c
One lot of blue Shirts, genuine Amokaeg Chambray, extra good values at 75c, now going at .. 59c

MEN'S OVERALLS

Regular $1.75 grade Overalls, now $1.35
One special lot of Overalls of well-made 2.20 weight, now going at $1.25

MEN'S HOSE

Heavy all-wool Work Sox, now going at 39c
Heavy wool mixed Work Sox, now going at 15c
Men's white toe and heel, also genuine Rockford Work Sox, regular 25c values, now 15c
Men's grey and blue mixed imitation Rockford Sox, now going at 10c
One lot of Men's Dress Sox, per pair 8c
Good grade Canvas Gloves, per pair 12c
Heavy Jersey Gloves, 25c values, pair 17c
Men's White Handkerchiefs 4c

MEN'S DRESS HOSE

$1.00 to $1.25 values 89c
75c to $1.00 values 59c
50c values 39c
25c to 40c values 20c
One lot Men's Dress Wool Hose, some values to $1.50, while they last, per pair 49c

MEN'S SWEATERS

Extra heavy all pure virgin worsted in all colors, $10.95 values, while they last $8.95
Good grade all-wool and worsted, $9.95 values, now going at $7.95
One very good number, $6.50 value, now $4.95
Fine slip-over Men's Sweaters, in all-wool, $4.95 values, while they last $2.25
One lot wool $3.50 values $2.75
Good grade of half wool mixed, $2.50 values, now going at $1.75
One lot extra heavy Sweaters, $1.50 values, now going at $1.19

Boys' Sweaters Also Greatly Reduced.

$7.75 values $4.95
$5.00 values $3.95
$3.50 values $2.75
$2.75 values $1.95
One lot of Boys' Sweaters, values to $1.50, now .. 95c

MEN'S WORK PANTS

Extra heavy Moleskin and Corduroy, also the well-known Headlight Snag-Proof Trousers, all $3.50 to $4.00 values, while they last $2.75
One lot of khaki color Moleskin, $3.50 values, an exceptionally good value, now going at .. $2.45
$2.50 values on heavy khaki Trousers going at .. $1.95
One lot of only a few larger sizes in khaki trousers, while they last at $1.25

MEN'S HEAVY WORK COATS

Extra heavy Moleskin Sheep-Skin Lined, four pockets and belt, $11.50 values $8.75
Heavy Duck Sheep-Skin Lined, $10.95 values, while they last $7.45
Men's heavy blanket lined Duck Coats, $4.50 values, going at $3.45
One lot of Boys' Coats, same as the men $2.95

LADIES' DEPARTMENT

LADIES' DRESSES

Ladies' and Misses' New Fall Dresses, styles up to the minute in all new fabrics, such as Canton Crepes, Flat Crepes, Crepe Back Satin, Bingoline, Faile, Poiret Twill, Charmeen, Fancy Stripe Flannel and Botany Flannels. Many have Fur Trimmings. Buy now and profit by our loss. Look them over, they are in groups.

Values to $39.50 for $27.75
Values to $35.00 for $22.75
Values to $29.75 for $17.45
Values to $19.75 for $12.95
Values to $14.95 for $7.95
Values to $9.95 for $4.45
A few extra good values going at $3.95

LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S COATS

Regardless of cost, these beautiful Coats and Wraps, in the wrap-around and straight-line styles of Bolivia, Suedine, Velvetone and all new blocked patterns, offer just such a garment as one would desire in all the newest shades.

Some values to $35.00 for $23.95
Some values to $29.75 for $19.75
Some values to $27.50 for $16.95
Some values to $24.75 for $12.95
Some values to $19.75 for $9.75
One lot extra good value $4.95
Some of these are all wool, very good qualities and a few have Fur Trimming.

LADIES' SWEATERS

Newest novelties in Brushed Wool, Bobby Coats, slip-over styles in up-to-date colors.

Values to $12.50 for $7.95
Values to $8.50 for $5.95
Values to $6.50 for $4.45
Values to $5.00 for $3.75
Values to $3.50 for $2.75
A wonderful assortment of odds and ends, some in all wool, wool and cotton mixed, while they last (these are exceptional values) $1.45

CHILDREN'S SWEATERS IN ALL SIZES

Values to $5.50 for $3.95
Values to $3.50 for $2.75
Values to $2.50 for $1.95
One assortment in little Coat Sweaters and Pull-overs for children, going at 95c

Underwear For Ladies, Misses and Children

Ladies' heavy fleeced lined Shirts and Drawers, while they last, each 98c
Ladies' heavy fleeced lined Union Suits $1.69
Ladies' ribbed fleeced Unions, low neck, no sleeves, ankle length $1.49
Ladies' ribbed fleeced Unions, long sleeves, ankle length $1.19
Ladies' ribbed Unions, low neck, no sleeves, ankle length 98c
Children's fleeced ribbed Union Suits, taped with buttons, all sizes 95c
One lot of Children's Union Suits going at 49c
Children's Waist Union Suits, low neck, elbow sleeves, knee length, while they last 95c
Ladies' Sateen and Satinette Princess Slips, $2.50 values $1.89
$1.50 values $1.29
Ladies' Sateen and Satinette Bloomers and Bloomerettes, in bright and dark colors 98c
Children's Black Sateen Bloomers, for all ages—
75c values for 59c
60c values for 49c
50c values for 39c
LADIES' KNIT PRINCESS SLIPS 98c
CHILDREN'S KNIT PRINCESS SLIPS 69c
LADIES' HEAVY OUTING GOWNS, regular $1.50 value, while they last 95c
LADIES' MIDDIES, with different color collars, going at 98c
LADIES' HEAVY OUTING PETTICOATS going at 69c

LADIES' COAT SUITS

Ladies' Coat Suits in all wool Serges and Poiret Twills, all greatly reduced.

Values to $59.50 for $37.75
Values to $45.00 for $32.50
Values to $35.00 for $27.50
Values to $29.50 for $19.75
Values to $25.00 for $17.95
We have one lot of Suits in all wool materials, values up to $19.50, all at the low price of .. $10.95

MILLINERY

Our Ladies' New Fall Hats val. from $4.95 to $10 all going in this sale at ridiculously low price of $3.45
One lot of Hats, some real nifty styles, going in this sale at, each 98c

LADIES' WOOL SPORT SKIRTS

Ladies' Wool Sport Skirts in Wrap-around and Plaited styles—

Values from $7.95 to $12.95 at $5.95
Values to $7.50 at $4.95
Values from $4.50 to $5.00 at $3.95

SHOES!

You will wonder how we can do it when you see these values!

For Men

Tan smoked outing bals $2.19
Heavy brown bluchers, soft or hard cap 2.29
50 pairs high grade tan and brown calf bluchers and bals, $10 value 3.85
Men's Oxfords—1 lot black and brown values from $5 to $7.50 ..... 3.85
Men's genuine Goodyear welt, tan army shoes, new stock 3.95

For Ladies

One lot of oxfords and straps in kid, calf and suede, values from $6 to $8.50 ..... $3.8
Black suede, 3-strap beaded absolutely new $4.9
Patent and suede tie pump, with low Spanish heel, absolutely new 4.9
Plain patent pump with pretty shaped heel, absolutely new 4.9
Misses' nobby patent one-strap cut out pump, with low heel, absolutely new 4.9
Patent one-strap low heel slipper 2.4

SHOES!

For Ladies

Plain toe patent blucher oxford Goodyear welt and low heel 4.39
Black kid slipper, two strap, military heel, $6.50 value 3.85
Black kid one strap slipper, medium Louis heel, $6 value 3.85
Ladies' felt house slippers in well assorted colors and contrasts 89c

If you do not see listed what you want come in and let us show you hundreds of other values as good or better.

For Children

Patent and white top, also black kid, flexible turn soles, sizes only 6 to 8 ..... $1.19
Black and brown kid shoes, well made solid leather, with wide toes, $3 value 1.89
Girls' black kid, wide toe Goodyear welts, size 13 to 2, $4 value 2.19
Boys' brown calf, medium toe rubber heel shoes, $2.75 and $3 values 1.98

Watch our advertising and window displays. They mean savings for you.

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ALL MEN'S CAPS GREATLY REDUCED

$3.00 to $3.50 values $2.65
$2.50 values $1.95
$2.00 values $1.45
$1.50 to $1.75 values $1.25
$1.25 values $1.00
Men's Genuine Leather Winter Caps, with fur ear muffs, going at $1.25
Heavy Kersey with fur ear muffs, going at 95c
All wool Sock Caps for boys, while they last 39c

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS

$5.00 values $3.95
$3.50 values $2.95
$3.00 values $2.45
$2.50 values $1.95
$2.00 values $1.45
$1.50 values $1.25
One lot of values to $1.50, now going at 95c

One lot extraordinary value Dress Shirts in neat patterns with collars attached, now going at **79c**

ALL BOYS' SUITS GREATLY REDUCED

Men's Rubber Belts, regular 50c values, now 25c
One lot Men's Hats, values to $2.50, extra special at 98c
One lot Men's Knit Ties, 50c values, extra special 25c

DRY GOODS

Blankets

Single Gray Blankets with pretty stripe border ..
Excellent value in Gray and Tan, 2 1-4 pound Double Blankets ..... $1.
Plaid Blankets, 64x80, weighs 3 pounds $3
Exceptional value in large size Household Blankets, comes in Gray and Tan, weighs 4 1-4 pounds, 66x80 ..... $3.
Beautiful Gold, Pink and Blue Checked Blankets, size 66x84, weighs 4 1-2 pounds ..... $5.
2-pound Cotton Batts, made of beautiful white cotton 1
3-Pound Stitched Cotton Batts, a fluffy bargain indeed for ..... $1.
Standard 32-inch Gingham 1
Standard Outing in lights and darks 1

Hose

Ladies' Cotton Hose, 15c value 1
Good grade Children's Ribbed Hose, 20c value .. 1
Ladies' Silk Full Fashioned Hose, $1.50 value .. 9
Silk and Wool Hose, beautiful color mixtures in Derby Ribbed, absolutely new stock ..... $1.

Christmas Special—All DOLLS at HALF PRICE

DEPARTMENT

Good grade Seamless Sheets, 81x90 ..... $1.39
Best grade Bleached Muslin, per yard 16c
Pure Linen Table Damask, values from $1.75 to $2.25 ..... $1.49
Cimona Crepe, per yard 29c
Soft finished Muslin, free from starch, per yd ... 12½c
Fancy Comfort Cretones, per yard 10c
Silk cross-bar Lingerie Cloth, in Pastel Shades, per yard 79c

For The School Children

Three 5c Tablets 10c
Three 10c Tablets 20c

Comforts

Well-made Silkoline Covered Comforts, size 69x76 ..... $1.98
Pretty Silkoline Covered, same on both sides, size 72x78 ..... $2.49
Silkoline Covered, filled with nice new cotton, size 72x84 ..... $3.69
Beautiful Sateen Covered Comforts, filled with new white cotton, lined with Silkoline to match, size 72x84 ..... $4.79
Beautiful Comfort Challie, per yard 17c

ALL NOTIONS 20 PER CENT OFF

CHILDREN'S WOOL DRESSES

In Cashimeres, Flannels, Velvets and Serges, in newest styles and patterns, ages 2 to 14 years.

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Gambling With Death

By J. U. GIERSY

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THE Doctor and Death played the game hand. An iron bed was the table across the white surface of which they faced one another as opponents. Upon it lay the stakes—a girl, dark-haired as night, white faced as those little counters men use in playing games of chance.

The Doctor glanced at her closed eyes, her parted lips, and it seemed to him that Death held the stronger hand.

Under the light of the shaded hospital lamp he examined his own. Very carefully he ran over the cards upon his handling of which the outcome hung. He studied each in turn. There was the regular prescription. At best it had proved a poor card. There was his hypodermic needle on a white enameled table, with its group of small bottles of tablets—good, at best, only for the tiding over of an emergency of weakened vitality. There was adrenalin. There was a tank of oxygen. With it he could prolong the struggle—probably no more. Surely it was a poor hand he held.

Silently, he set such a garment as one would desire in all the newest shades.

Some values to $35.00 for $23.95
Some values to $29.75 for $19.75
Some values to $27.50 for $16.95
Some values to $24.75 for $12.95
Some values to $19.75 for $9.75
One lot extra good value $4.95
Some of these are all wool, very good qualities and a few have Fur Trimming.

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Newest novelties in Brushed Wool, Bobby Coats, slip-over styles in up-to-date colors.

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A wonderful assortment of odds and ends, some in all wool, wool and cotton mixed, while they last (these are exceptional values) $1.45

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Values to $3.50 for $2.75
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One assortment in little Coat Sweaters and Pull-overs for children, going at 95c

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Ladies' heavy fleeced lined Shirts and Drawers, while they last, each 98c
Ladies' heavy fleeced lined Union Suits $1.69
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Ladies' Coat Suits in all wool Serges and Poiret Twills, all greatly reduced.

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Our Ladies' New Fall Hats val. from $4.95 to $10 all going in this sale at ridiculously low price of $3.45
One lot of Hats, some real nifty styles, going in this sale at, each 98c

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Ladies' Wool Sport Skirts in Wrap-around and Plaited styles—

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Values to $7.50 at $4.95
Values from $4.50 to $5.00 at $3.95

Death scarcely noticed the action. The effect was negative. It was as though he leered above a winning hand.

"Is there any hope?" The voice of the husband again.

"It's a gamble—a gamble." The physician heard himself answer while his mind ran over the game he played. He had been bluffing and Death knew it. Of what use to bluff with Death? In his wearied condition it came to be half seem that he could sense the grim specter across the bed. In the dim light his opponent took on the seeming of a personality. Seizing the oxygen tank, he wheeled it to the bed, adjusted the mask to the girl's face.

Again it appeared that his adversary paused. A little color crept into the lips of the woman, her chest heaved less painfully. But would it—could it last? 'Way back in his mind the Doctor knew that once more Death would raise. He glanced at the husband. He was his last card.

"She's a little better, isn't she?" the younger man asked.

"She needs blood—blood," said the Doctor to himself. "She needs good, healthy blood. Boy—will you give it to her?"

"Now?" The reply was eager, firm.

With a quick stride the Doctor reached a small table, drew it into the circle of light. He swept his arm above the instruments upon it. "So—from your arm to hers—transfusion," he returned.

The husband merely nodded, removed his coat, began rolling back his sleeve.

Little by little, as the man grew paler, the woman's color improved. Little by little the pulse under the Doctor's fingers grew firmer, steadied—the breathing attuned itself. His eyes staring into the hollow sockets of the specter with whom he gambled, he stood and waited.

Suddenly he checked the flow, removed the tubes and cast them from him. He began to laugh, softly, as a chuckle—louder and louder, until the cachinnation rang through the room in horrible waves of an almost insane exultation.

Her arm about him, the nurse steadied him from the room, and still as he went he laughed. "Beaten! I've beaten you, Death! I held it back on you, Death! It was my ace in the hole! You thought you had me—but I beat you! I beat you, Death—with Life!"

Yet no one wondered at this overwrought emotion, for the woman was the Doctor's only child.

FLORIDA MIDWEST HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

Following is a report to members of the Advisory Committee of the Floriad Midwest Highway, of which you are a member, by J. E. Crump, assisting managing director and E. M. McBride, a field reperesentative, of a marking and publicity trip which they have just completed thru the north and northwest:

"We drove from Pensacola to Memphis with the Florida Midwest Highway Motorcade, November 17. From Memphis we drove to St. Louis via Sikeston and Cairo; from St. Louis to Kansas City to Omaha; from Omaha to La Salle, Illinois, via De Moines, Iowa; from La Salle to Chicago; and from Chicago back to Jackson.

"We stopped for a while in practically every town of any consequence along the line. Members for the Advisory Committee were secured through commercial organization in all of the pivotal cities. Our reception evreywhere was more than cordial. We were pledged the enthusiastic support for the new highway project which is a five-days' shorter trip to nad from Florida to the Middle West. 'Sorves a long felt want' is the way most of them spoke of the route.

"The roads through Missouri, Kansas and Iowa are excellent graded, but there are only a few spots of surfacing. From La Salle, Illinois, to Chicago, Illinois south to Memphis there are only 22 miles of unsurfaced road and the Highway Department in Missouri in which this stretch lies, assured us that this stretch wou'd always be kept open for travel. From Memphis to Mobile we struck only 18 miles of unsurfaced roads, and this is being rapidly graveled and is oppen for all weather travel. From Mobile to Pensacola are 33 miles of unsurfaced road—this is suitable for all weather travel, and is now being put in excellent shape.

"Our trip netted hundreds of new friends for the Highway projject and scores of columns of publicity in northern and western newspapers. We were elated with the prospects of travel over the Florida Midwest Highway which has been assured us by different routing bureaus on whom we called".

Matthews

W. H. Deane went to New Madrid Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele were Cape Girardeau visitors Monday.

Mr. Moore who has been working at the cotton gin here, left Saturday for his home in Arkansas.

J. Crank of Blytheville, Ark. arrived in Matthews Tuesday on a visit to his uncle, Henry Crank.

Willie Sutton spent Monday in Charleston with Ollie Warren.

W. O. Carroll spent the week-end in St. Louis on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Swartz and children and Mrs. W. O. Carroll attended the show in Sikeston Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolen Henderschott and babe of Sikeston were in Matthews, Monday.

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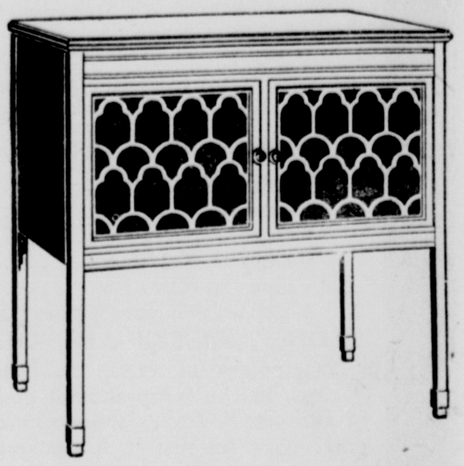

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Tuberculosis, one of the deadly diseases, which fights its victims from ambush and strikes the rich, the poor, the brilliant, the supid, the weak and the strong, can be controlled and conquered.

Are you willing to assist with the control of Tuberculosis in New Madrid County? The Christmas seals, which are sent out by the Missouri Tuberculosis Association and are being sold by the school children thruout the county, will help us in fighting this disease. Fifty per cent of the proceeds from the Christmas seal sale will be used in New Madrid County in the next year, especially for educational work and treatment of utbercular persons or persons who have been exposed to tuberculosis.

In the last two years the New Madrid County Health Unite has helped fifty-eight persons afflicted with tuberculosis, placing sixteen in institutions and supervising their families and those exposed. Those too far advanced for hospital treatment have been seen in their homes and instructed as to care of themselvse as we'l as their families.

There is still a great deal to be done nad much can be accomplished through the educaton of our children, through regular pphysical examinations, and the education of those who are already victims of tuberculosis.

Drops of water, asserted by natural scientists to be more than ten million years old, preserved in quartz, is exhibited in Field Museum, Chicago. The water is clear and sparkling in its crystal container. It was found imprisoned in crystal quartz in rock formation near Bahi, Brazil.

Cement Bids Asked For

Jefferson City, Dec. 10.—Bids will be received by the State Highway Commission here December 19 on 1,200,000 barrels of cement, estimated as the needs of the Highway Department for road connstruction durng 1925. Cost of the cement is estimated by department engineers at more than $2,000,000. This does not include a supply of 300,000 barrels aa year now received by the department from a cement plant at Mildred, Kan., under contract.

On the same day the commission will receive bids on construction of approximately 70 miles of roads and three small bridges, at an estimated cost of $1,000,000. The 22 projects are in Grundy, Marion, Clinton, Miller, Platte, Ralls, Camden, Montgomery, Cole, Texas, Douglas, Lawrence, Dent and St. Francois counties. When contracts are let for this work, approximately $7,500,000 in road work will have been placed under contract since adoption of initiative proposition No. 5, on November 4.

Fatal accidents in the streets of London vary with the days of the week, Friday and Saturday being the worst and Sunday the best, in this respect.

The habit of touching wood when we have boasted of our good luck is a throwback to the ancient tree worshippers. The primitive belief was that spirts resided in trees and wood was touched to call the attention of the tree spirit to the fact that his influence was recognized, and that he might not feel slighted and change good fortune into bad.

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TWENTIETH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

"Section 1. The Congress sha'l have power to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of ppersons under eighteen years of age".

"Section 2. The power of the several sates is unimpaired by this article, except that the operation of State laws shall be suspended to the extent necessary to give effect to legis'ation enacted by the Congress".

The above proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is being submitted to the States for ratification by the Legislatures. The Missouri General Assembly will be asked to ratify this Amendment at its next session in January.

There is a very great deal of sentiment in favor of this Amendment, especial'y among the women of Missouri who generally understand it as being a proposition to protect children of tender age from hazardous or unhealthful occupations. A careful reading of the Amendment itself in conjunction with a study of hearings before congressional committees and speeches made in the House and Senate will, demonstrate very clearly that the Amendment was drafted in order that Congress may have the power to pass legislation which will not on'y prevent the employment of all "persons" under eighteen years of age, but may prevent these same 'persons" from doing any sort of work—at home, on the farm or in any line of business with or without pay.

The whole idea of the measure is socialistic, its original chief supporters being men and women who have for years been known as socialists. Victor Berger, the congressman from Milwaukee expressed himself in the following manner: "This is, of course, a socialistic measure;—that is why I support it".

Senator Reed in a speech before the Senate at the last session claimed that this Amendment would affect more than forty million persons in the United States, and through congressiona' legislation, would give control over this number to a Federal Bureau whcih would necessarily have to be established by Congress at an immense cost to the taxpayers.

The claim is made by proponents of the measure, including the American Federation of Labor, that over one million children under fifteen years of age are gainfully employed in the United States. The insinuation in this statement is that all of these children are employed in hazardous or unhea'thful occupations. The report by census enumerators in 1920 includes 1,060,858 children, ten to fifteen years of age in that year, of which 647,309, or 61 per cent, were reported to be in agricultural pursuits—88 per cent of these as laborers on the home farm.

The same Government report is as follows: "The Census of 1920 records a considerable decrease since 1910 in the number of children reported at work. Of them, the total child population of ten to fifteen years of age inclusive, increased 15.5 per cent during this period, the number of working children reported decreased almost half, or 46.7 per cent. A corresponding decrease took place in the proportion of children of these ages who are employed in gainful occupation, from 18.4 per cent in 1910 to 8.5 per cent in 1920."

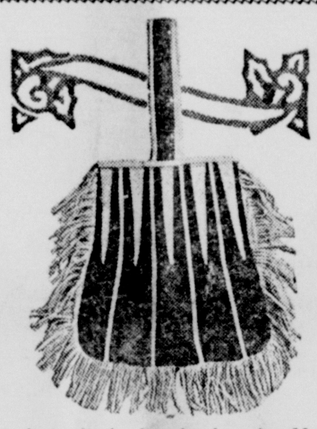
It is our contention that the principal document upon which this Government is founded, the Constitution of the United States, should not be amended except in an emergency or because of a great popular demand, and since there is no evidence of either at the present time, it does not seem possible that the Legislature of Missouri will ratify such an Amendment.

Every state in the Union now has a Child Labor Statute protecting children in industry. No State and no country in the world has a law prohibiting the labor or persons up to eighten years of age.

This is not a Child Labor Amendment as it proposes to "limit, regulate and prohibit" the labor of young men or young women most of whom desire to work as a part of their education or must work in order to live.

An innovation that promises to revolutionize golf is the lighting of the courses by means of flood light projectors, the artificial light being so brilliant that the players have no difficulty in following the balls.

Novel Shopping Bag



A novelty in shopping bags is added to the list of these always-welcome gifts this year. It is about ten inches long and is made of light brown and white suede leather or of suede velours or duvetine and lined with silk. The pipings, pointed insets and fringe are in white. When other fabrics than suede leather are used the fringe may be of ribbon or silk.

Notice to Taxpayers

Notice is hereby given that I will have C. L. Blanton, Jr., receive taxes at Sikeston from December 1st to December 31st. Office at City Hall, Sikeston, Missouri.

EMIL STECK

Collector Scott County, Missouri

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Candies for Christmas

Our assortment of Candies for Christmas is the most complete we have ever had. Hard Candies, Bonbons, Chocolate covered Creams and Nuts, in ready packed boxes or selected to your order.

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Handsome and comfort-giving cushions are among the Christmas gifts that always delight either men or women. These cushions are very practical when made of black satin or sateen and decorated with a band of wide figured ribbon in brilliant patterns.

These black cushions are decorated on one side, sometimes with bow knots or other motifs made of narrow gold ribbon and small silk flowers, stitched down at the edges.

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County Collector Emil Steck of Benton was in Sikeston Thursday looking after business. While here he paid The Standard a call.

Congress should pass the constitutional amendment to stop the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, and put it before the state legislatures for early adoption.

A special meeting of the City Council was called Friday evening, December 5 to pass an ordinace regulating traffic in the city limits and to discuss locations for new boulevard stops.

The rear passenger coach of the Tickville train, which lately has been sagging in the middle, stuck fast on a culvert at Gimlet Creek last Tuesdya. The engineer was eating hickory nuts when the accident occurred and did not miss the coach until he reached Hog Ford.

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LOST—Somewhere on Ruth Street toward the Frisco station, a medicine case. Leave at White's Drug Store. 1tpd.

FOR SALE—Shelving parts, bins, wall racks, Oldsmobile, Chevrolet and Dodge parts oil and grease and a lot of other stock.—L. C. Erdmann, phone 302.

FOR SALE—Farm, 245 acres, one mile east of Sikeston. Will sell in body or cut up to suit.—John A. Matthews, Sikeston. Phone 216. tf.

FOR SALE—230 acres in cultivation, 3½ miles from Sikeston on gravel road. Excellent improvements. $1,000 down. Apply at Standard office. 1tpd.

LEGHORNS FOR SALE—Have 50 S. C. dark brown Leghorn hens or pullets for sale. H. V. Thernolian strain of Portland, Ind. $1 each.—Joe Crouthers, Sikeston, R. 3 box 60. tf.

MISSOURI WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Kansas City—Eight large residences to be constructed in vicinity of Sixty-seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue.

St. Johns—Cornerstone laid for new Baptist church.

Rockport—Modern high school building being erected.

Slater—Concrete being poured on Missouri river bridge on Waverly highway.

Wyaconda—Keokuk Canning Company to open pickle station here next year.

Trenton—Work on new road projects in Grundy County to start in January.

Pierce City—Work started on Lawrence-Barry County line road.

Perryville—International Shoe Co. selects site for erection of factory.

Cameron—New light, power and water filtration plants completed and placed in use.

De Witt—Work being rushed on steel and concrete bridge connecting Carroll and Lafayette counties.

Jamesport—Congregation of M. E. church erecting new edifice.

Republic—Modern shoe factory being constructed here.

South St. Joseph—Contract to be awarded for grading Valley street.

Kansas City—Plans being made to reorganize Centrloopis Bank, closed November 14.

Branson—First carload of machinery unloaded for proposed dam at Table Rock.

St. Joseph—Larabee mills being operated at full capacity with night and day shifts.

Republic—Construction of transmission line into this city being rushed.

Excelsior Spring—Modern creamery opened on Thompson avenue.

Kansas City—Big hill on Reidy road being leveled to 6 and 7 per cent grade.

Union Plans being completed for Frankline county highway work during coming season.

A good time for everyone at the Baptist Church Fair Friday and Saturday nights.

Mesdames Clay Stubbs, Earl Johnson, Earl Pate, Sam Brady and Fred Freeman spent Tuesday in Cairo.

A few days ago a rope and twine drummer by mistake it was thought, gave the mayor of Tickville a sample of 3-inch rope instead of a cigar. The mayor smoked it half up before he discovered the error.

In co-operation with the Chemical Warfare Service work is being carried on by the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Depaartment of Agriculture with the so-called war gases and other material sdeveloped at the Edgewood (Md.) arsenal. Many of these substances have been tested for the purpose of determining their availability in insect-control work and for other practical uses. A few have been found which give promise of value. A smoke candle for use in greenhouses has beenn developed and is being tested on a commercial scale. It seems to have a distinct place in greenhouse insect-control work.

Dinner Buckets and Tax-Exempts

Congress should pass the constitutional amendment to stop the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, and get it before the state legislatures for early adoption.

These bonds have a tenndency to increase public expenditures, by making money too easy to borrow. But their great harm is in establishing a higher rate of interest for money needed in all lines of business and farming.

For the man with a big inncome, the tax-free bond is worth two or even three times as much as taxed industrials. Therefore, he puts his money into untaxed public securities, and his return on these as compared with return on industrials fairly establishes the value of all investment. But for the courage of the small investor, who puts his money into operating industries, and then pays all the tax bills to boot, productive enterprise would be severly crippled because of the withdrawal of big money from business. Tax exemptions force up the rate of interest for every other form of investment, public and private, and so make industry carry a heavy handicap.

Tax-exempt securities destroy interest in worthy investments which build up payrolls and keep the dinne bucket brigade going.

Lyman Fox spent Sunday in Bloomfield with Buddy Buck.

Jesse Layton, who has been quite ill with typhoid, is able to sit up now.

A beehive contains usually one queen, from 300 to 400 drones, and 40,000 workers.

Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. Tuck of Cape Girardeau visited with Mrs. G. J. Layton, Tuesday.

Mrs. M. Frankle of New Madrid is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Carroll Myer.

E. Clein of Fidelity, Ill., was in Sikeston a few days this week looking after business interests.

Mrs. A. C. Sikes entertained with a Bridge party Tuesday night at her home on South Kingshighway.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Freeman spent the week-end in Cape Girardeau visiting H. E. La Rue and family.

"Winter courses" in agriculture are given at many European universities, when the students can be spared from actual farm work.

It is said that a Chinese carpenter can look at a place that has to be repaired, and go back to his bench and cut the boards so that they will fit exactly. He has trained his sense of sight to give him exact knowledge.

The depot agent tomorrow will sell all unclaimed freight and other articles which have been left in the train during the past ten years. The list includes one polka dot parasol, 1 inner tube, one empty jug, one-half pair wool mitten, one pump handle and one cogwheel.

Their financial allowance suddenly cut off by the war in China, many Chinese students in the United Statse who depended on the Boxer indemnity money to carry them through college are now seeking part-time employment so they can stay in school. This affects about four hundred and twenty-five students.

"The whiter the bread, the sooner you're dead", is a catchy slogan that has a great deal of truth in it.

Twelve-inch phonograph records that play for 100 minutes and reproduce entire operas by aid of radio loud speakers without the noise of needle-scratching have been pproduced by an inventor of Berln, Germany.

Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock, the fire truck was called to the residence of John Mayes, corner of North West street and Maud Avenue. The fire had gained headway before the truck arrived and the firemen could be of little assistance. The house was completely destroyed and no furniture was saved. We have been unable as yet to find out if the loss was covered by insurance.

Clyde Swank of Charleston was in Sikeston Thursday.

Mrs. Moore Greer will entertain the Menaltink Bridge Club at her home Friday afternoon.

Some miscreant stole or hid the one-pound weight to the scales at the Rye Straw Store. The proprietor says the joke may be on him but henceforth he will make no sale of less than two pounds.

W. C. Pattengale of Cape Girardeau was a business visitor in Sikeston Thursday.

The Fair to be held in the basement of the Baptist Church on Friday and Saturday nights of this week, promises to be a unique affair. The young people of the church will be in charge of the booths and program and will guarantee a good time for those attending.

A. F. Lindsay returned home Wednesday from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been for the past three weeks for his health.

Little Fidity Flinders, whose multiplying onions created so much excitement in the arithmetic class last spring, has fallen behind in geography and must stay in "Alaska" all next week. The rest of the class are in 'Florida'.

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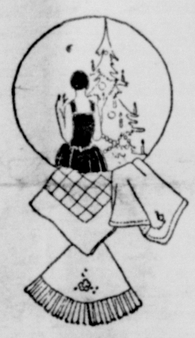

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FIVE NAVY FLYERS KILLED IN FALL

San Diego, Cal., December 10.—Three navy airmen are dead, two are missing and their bodies apparently washed out to sea, and three are suffering from gasoline burns, as the result of a tail-spin fall by a big navy H-16 type airp'ane into the ocean at the entrance to San Diego harbor this morning.

The wrecked plane was hauled ashore by an army tractor. In the cockpit of the plane were found the bodies of Lieutenants Vairni and Thurston and Machinist's Mate Crull. The bodies of Lieut. Roby and Radioman Wiezzk, who have been given up as dead by naval officers, are believed to have been washed to sea.

PUBLIC MAY PAY FOR POSTAL PAY INCREASE

Washington, Dec. 10.—A bill to increase and adjust postal rates so as to permit a $63,000,000 advance in the pay of postal employes is being drafted at the Post Office Department at the request of Chairman Sterling of the Senate postoffice committee.

It is the purpose of Senator Sterling to present a measure which will so lower the losses on the handling of various kinds of mail to meet the pay increase which President Coolidge has vetoed.

While the South Dakota senator has not gone into details as to the increases in the various classes he expects the committee's report to form a basis of action. That report was that the government is losing about $40,000,000 a year, chiefly in handling second, third and fourth class registry mail.

Last year organic heart disease killed nearly three times as many persons in New York City as did tuberculosis; more than twice as many as cancer; more than half again as many as pneumonia.

The origin of the term bootlegging had its inception in the West where sundry gently pedd'ed booze unlawfully among the Indians, carrying the liquid fire in the leg of their boots to conceal it from Federal officers.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEEMBER 11, 1924 MARKET REPORT

CHICAGO CLOSE—	
July wheat	144⅝
December wheat	160
May wheat	164⅝
July corn	127
December corn	122⅝
May corn	127⅛
July oats	61⅜
December oats	57¼
May oats	62⅞
ST. LOUIS CLOSE—	
July wheat	144
December wheat	159
May wheat	164⅛
July corn	127
December corn	121½
May corn	126¾
KANSAS CITY CLOSE—	
July wheat	137¾
December wheat	152
May wheat	156⅜
July corn	125
December corn	114½
May corn	119⅞
NEW YORK COTTON CLOSE— STEADY	
January	22.85
March	23.24
May	23.60
July	23.76
October	23.09
December	22.75

AUGUST BELMONT DIES SUDDENLY IN GOTHAM

New York, Dec. 10.—August Belmonth, financier and famous sportsman, died here tonight.

Mr. Belmont died at his home at 550 Park Avenue. Mrs. Belmont and his son Morgan, were at the bedside.

Be'mont, multi-millionaire property owner, was best known as owner of Belmont Park, famous race track, and as promoter of the recent international races. His widow, was formerly Eleanor Robson, popular actress, well known to the south as the star in "Audrey", "The Dawn of Tomorrow" and other plays.

Recently a moose walked into the city of Montreal wandering down from the Laurentian Mountains north of the city. He entered the thick woods on the slopes of the Riviere des Prairies, swam the river, and found himself in the heart of civilization.

NEGRO WOMAN IS MURDERED

New Madrid, Dec. 8.—A heavy guard was maintained at the county jail here where Dan Hamilton, a negro, is being held on a charge of slaying his common law wife, Martha, whose dead body with the throat slashed, was found in a house on the Clay Hunter plantation near LaForge Friday night.

Hamilton was arrested by a posse of citizens near Lilbourn Saturday, after the negro and the posse engaged in a running pistol battle, and the negro had been seriously wounded. He was brought here and lodged in jail under guard, after Sheriff Kerr had been warned that threats were being made against the negro's life.

The negro woman was found dead in the cabin shortly after 7 o'clock Friday night. Her head was almost severed. A bloody razor lay nearby and authorities say that Hamilton admits slashing her throat with the weapon but claims that she fired a shot at him with a revolver.

Constable Fred Meyers' bloodhounds from Cape Girardeau, in charge of Les Watts, were brought here late Friday night and followed the trail to a point near where the negro was later captured. The dogs were taken off the trail because of the darkness.

The negro woman had been employed by the Hunter plantation for many years. Jealousy is said by authorities to have caused the slaying.

1000 ACRES OF GRAPES FOR HOWELL COUNTY

West Plains, December 10.—The planting of 1000 acres or more in grapes in Howell county, and the establishment of a grape-juice factory at Brandsville, is the object of the Missouri Vineyards Corporation, which has just been incorporated at St. Louis with a capital stock of $25,000. This wi'l be the largest vineyard in Missouri. Officers of the company are: G. C. Baker, president; J. F. Perkins, vice-president and general manager and W. J. James, secretary and treasurer.

The company has bought 1000 acres of land from the Consolidated Iron and Steel Corporation and has an option on 2000 acres more adjoining and near the town of Brandsville.

A new glacier with a mile-wide ice field has been discovered in the Olympic peninsula of Washington.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

James H. Coppage, who operates a corn and cotton plantation south of Canalou, transacted business in this city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Teal were initiated into the Eastern Star Lodge No. 450 Tuesday night. After the ceremonies, a memorial service was given in honor of the late Mrs. J. W. Simms. The service, which was open to the public, was very impressive.

The Baracca Class of the Methodist Sunday school played a professional basketball team at Canalou which consisted of one Canalou man and four Illmo players. The professionals were too much for the revivalists, winning 25 to 4.

The Morehouse boys and girls wil' clash with their old rivals, the Lilbourn Lions, Friday evening. The Lilbourn girls nosed the Morehouse girls out of the New Madrid County championshp by a point earlier in the season.

While most farmers are laboring under the impression that 25 acres of ground is all they can crop, J. Fletcher in g'eaning a good harvest from 360 acres with the helf of his own family and one hired hand. Needless to say his income is about ten times greater than the average in this territory. Mr. Fletcher's operations show that it takes a good rotation of corn, wheat, clover, timothy, grass sunflowers and a small amount of cotton to make the big production per man.

Mrs. A. C. Whitener has gone to make a two weeks visit with her mother at Marquand.

Mrs. Harry Himmelberger is spending a few days with Mrs. E. O. Fisher and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Patton are the proud parents of a baby born to them.

Bert Shelby was injured at the Himmelberger mill, when he was caught between a log and carriage, Monday. Dr. Pease reports the injury is not serious and that he wil' quickly recover.

The Afternoon Bridge Club met with Mrs. I. H. Biennert on Wednesday afternoon. This was the first meeting of the Club. Those who were present were Mesdames E. O. Fisher, D. L. Fisher, Glenn Fisher, J. W. Sarff, Ed Hindman, I. H. Dunaway, L. I. Gray, W. O. Mason, Bryce Edwards, H. I. Himmelberger of Cape Girardeau and Miss Eva Taylor.

T. H. INCE DIED AFTER DRINKING BAD LIQUOR

San Diego, Cal. Dec. 10.—There will be no official investigation into the death of Thomas H. Ince, motion picture producer, as far as San Diego County officials are concerned, according to District Attorney Chester C. Kempley.

"I am satified that the death of Ince was caused by heart disease as the resu't of an attaack of acute indigestion," said Kempley. "There will be no investigation".

Kempley's statement followed interviews held yesterday with Dr. Truman A. Parker of La Jolla, who attended Ince and Miss Jessie Howard, a nurse, called into the case. Dr. Parker, according to Kempley, stated that Ince told him that he had drunk considerable liquor aboard the yacht Omeida, on which he made the voyage from Los Angeles to San Diego.

Miss Howard, it is said, stated that Ince had said he had drunk considerable liquor whi'e a member of the Omeida party. Miss Howard is also reported to have stated that Ince declared his illness was due to bad liquor. No inquiry into the source of the liquor will be made by San Diego County officials.

Doctor A. Von Wilke, of Berlin, declares in an essay concerning international language that English is becoming the language used for that purpose. French, which has been used in former times, is losing its prominence.

Few peop'e realize the wide extent of the Mohammedan world as it ex'sts today. It covers a territory three times as large as that of the United States, extending from Western Siberia southward into India and westward across Africa to the Atlantic.

Thirty per cent of the fires in a downtown Manhattan wholesalers' district are of incendiary origin, according to Assistant Fire Chief Thos. J. J. Hayes. He says fires vary with the business seasons. When trade is brisk fires are few, but when goods cannot be sold they seek to sell them to the insurance company by arson.

Flooded workings in a Pennsylvania coal mine gave a mule the first opportunity to view sunshine that he has had in fifteen years. He at first refused to budge from the conveyor that brought him to the sunlight and it required force to get him to his new lodging place, where he was afraid to venture forth for several days.

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BULLDOGS LEAVE THIS AFTERNOON FOR ST. LOUIS

The Sikeston bulldogs will leave this afternoon for St. Louis, where they will play a post-season football game Saturday with Soldan High of St. Louis.

The Bulldogs are in fine condition and are ready to go into the fight.

The Charleston Blue Jays wi'l also play on the same date with Cleveland High.

The games will be played at the St. Louis University field.

The line-up of the Bulldogs will probably be as follows:

Ends, Randolph and Hopper; tackles, Peacher and Baker; guards, Fox and Smith; center, Gentles; quarterback, Crain; backs, Trousdale and Marshall.

There will be about 15 or 16 men make the trip.

The U. D. C. wil' meet Saturday at the home of Mrs. Maude Stubbs with Miss Tutie Watkins and Mrs. Stubbs as hostesses and Mrs. T. F. Henry as leader.

Miss Lora Kem and Jesse Chapman, both of Sikeston, were married Tuesday evening, December 9, at the home of Rev. S. P. Brite. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kem of Minner and is employed at our local telephone office. Chapman is with the Sanitary Barber Shop. They are worthy young folks and The Standard joins their many friends in wishing them much joy.

Throughout the eastern wheat regions there has been a very severe outbreak of the Angoumois grain moth during the past four years. Special investigation of the pest has been conducted for two years by the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture. New facts concerning its biology have been developed. The infestation of wheat in the field at the time of crop maturity has been found to be much greater than was formerly believed. The importance of prompt harvestng and threshing is consequently emphasized. During 1922 it was found that in a badly infested region Angoumois grain-moth infestation was reduced to less than 2 per cent by prompt harvesting, threshing, and storage, whereas on neighboring farms when threshing was greatly dealyed infestation ran as high as 80 to 90 per cent.

NEW OFFICERS FOR I. O. O. F. LODGE

The I. O. O. F. Lodge elected the following new officers Tuesday evening:

Marshall Meyers, Noble Grand.
Ed Smith, Vice-Grand.
John Chaney, Secretary.
C. C. White, Treasurer.
Frank Dye, trustee for a 3-year term.

Masons Elect Officers

On December 4, the following new officers were elected in the Masonic Lodge:

Roy Johnson, Worshipful Master.
J. H. Hayden, Senior Warden.
Tanner Dye, Junior Warden.
Ralph Anderson, Treasurer.
A. A. Harrison, Secretary.

The appointments for the other officers will be made by Worshipful Master Johnson in the next few days.

Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday School.
11:00—Morning Worship. Sermon by the pastor.
6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Meets for Bible Study and Social Worship.
7:30—Evening worship. Song service. Semon by pastor.

You are all welcome to our servces.
S. P. BRITE, Pastor.

Policemen in New York City who "cuss out" citizens are fined one day's pay.

Mesdames John Fisher, Loomis Mayfield, Murray Klein, Earl Pate, and Ada Lennox spent Monday in Poplar Bluff.

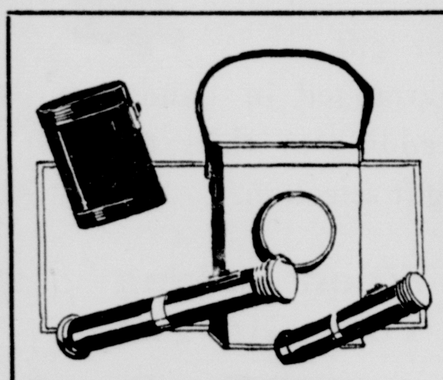
Attend the Church Fair in the Baptist Church basement Friday and Saturday nights of this week and help the folks raise some money for church work.

James W. Schwabe of Columbia, Mo., has been in Sikeston and vicinity in the interest of the Methodist Dormitory to be buil't at the University of Missouri. He is an old acquaintance of the editor and we were pleased with a visit from him.

Col. A. A. Ebert reports that he is quite well satisfied that the Amusement Park that he has been promoting will be a reality, though most of the stock will be subscribed by outsiders. Every one of the concessions have been spoken for and applications are in for more.

A telegram from Giles Dover, New York City, to J. E. Dover of Sikeston, states that a boy baby arrived at his home on the 9th instant. This gives Giles two boys at his home, one 15 years of age and the wee baby. This makes 14 grandchildren for Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dover.

Careless driving by a Mr. Smith from Bloomfield came near causing a serious wreck, when he collided with a car driven by Mrs. Bill Ke'ler, about one mile south of town Monday evening. Mrs. Keller's car was turned completely over and damaged considerably, but fortunately Mrs. Keller escaped with only a few minor cuts and bruises.



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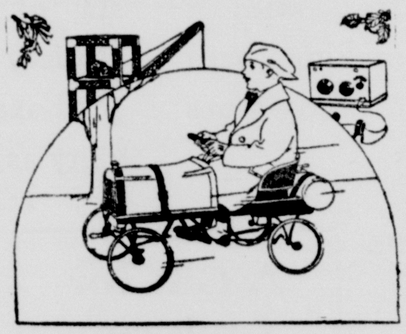

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THURSDAY
HELENE CHADWICK in
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FRIDAY
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A German historian directs attention to the fact that gas warfare by no means originated in the World War. A full 200 years earlier Charles XII, the remarkable soldier-king of Sweden, employed a similar measure when he crossed the River Dvina in the Great Northern War, preliminary to his atack on Riga. An old account runs:

"Since he had observed that the wind blew from the north, where he was, toward the south, where the enemy was encamped, he had set on fire great masses of damp straw, whose thick smoke hid his troops as they rowed across the river. Boats filled with burning damp straw also were sent ahead of his troops, hiding them from the view of the Saxons, for whom it was impossible to see whether the king was crossing or not.

"In a quarter on an hour he landed on the other bank, brought his artillery into position and formed his lines before the enemy could oppose him".

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The entire coast line of the earth measures 136,000 miles.

With more than 14,000 divorces granted last year, Texas leads all the other states in the Union.

The Women's Monroe House Memorial Association has started a drive to obtain $90,000 to purchase the house where James Monroe lived and died.

The ship canals of New York harbor, as well as those of Boston, Liverpool and other ports, are kept from silting up by the regular flow of tidal currents through them every 24 hours.

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NEW SEA MYSTERY ON OLD VIKING ROUTE TO AMERICA

To the long list of sea mysteries, from the time of the Marie Celeste, found under full sail, with a meal partly served, everything shipshape and not a soul on board, to the wartime Cyclops, which vanished, now add the Leif Ericsson.

The cruiser Trenton has been driven out of the North Atlantic, where she went in search of the tiny sloop, carrying a crew of three Americans, over the Viking route, from Bergen, Norway, to Battle Harbor, Labrador, on this side and now several months overdue.

The fast scouting warship, with New York yachtsmen on board—for William Washburn Nutting, in command of the party of twentieth century Norsemen, was president of the Cruising Club of America—reported that they could find no trace or clew in the sub-Arctic, and the ice grip of winter descending made delay even by the big ship perilous.

The curtain, therefore, drops on the turbulent and bitter North Atlantic this season with the tiny vessel sailing from Julianshaab, Greenland, and never sighted again.

There were features of the voyage of the Leif Ericsson which made the trip spectacular. The men wanted to follow the footsteps again after a thousand years of the great explorer credited by Scandinavians with the discovery of America, in no yacht or pleasure craft, but in the sloops navigated by the most daring of the ancient seamen of the North, the Vikings.

They could not find such a craft here, so they went to the fjords of Norway and there scouted around the shipyards. They had no experience in handling the particular type, but all three of the men, Captain Nutting, Arthur Hildebrand and Eric Todahl, an artist of the sea, were old-time seamen, of long experience with a wide variety of vessels.

They found their boat one which had been hauled up on the rocks and left for two years, and renamed it Leiv Eiriksson, according to the old saga spelling, but modernized into Leif Ericsson, after the restless, reckless rover who drove his ship into the unknown western waters.

The type of ship is described as a sailing boat such as cruises off the coast of Norway in winter, when fishermen are likely to be in trouble. She was forty feet long, a double-ender, of fourteen and one-half feet beam and six feet draft. She had a 2-cylinder motor, a cutter rig with hollow boom and gaff.

She was a stout little vessel, frame of oak and pine, with a heavy looking bow, which gave an appearance and feeling of great strength and security, and just enough room below to eat, sleep and read for the three or four men.

In a letter sent to Herbert L. Stone of New York from Norway, Nutting told how he had cruised around the fjords and treacherous waters of the Scandinavian coast to study the sloop, and returned to Bergen for a week's final preparation before taking the great North Atlantic venture.

"Well, it is 2 o'clock in the morning of July 4. The southeast gale which follows yesterday's storm warning with such surprising promptness has blown itself out, and the water is still, and reflects the masts of yachts and skolter and drowsy anchored sjegter. The ferryman has gone to bed at last, and clouds have settled again on the tops of the mountains. An hour ago it was growing dark; it is growing light now.

"I have tried to think how I could convey a sense of our enthusiasm for this ship and confidence in her, and her quality of complete security—like the log houses in the high and windy valleys at the heads of the fjords. We shall sail this afternoon at 6. There will be a heavy sea offshore, and wind, and driving rain".

Nutting then told of his plans. He was looking through the eyes of the daring Eric the Red ahead at the Viking trail: "From here we go to the Shetlands and Faroes and then to Reykjavik. We expect to go to the north of Iceland, rather than take the shorter, but less interesting route, along the South Coast. This will put us over the Circle and be a lot more fun, and our chances of good weather are as good or better.

"It is doubtful whether we shall be able to get into the east coast of Grenland. If we cannot, we shall follow the edge of the ice around to the west coast, where the Danish settlements are situated—and then home as fast as possible, probably via Battle Harbor and the west coast of Newfoundland.

"Right now—well, there is open water to the westward and we are one thousand years behind".

The little sloop was in Iceland about the time of the world fliers. The eyes of the world were then on the North Atlantic. Eric Nelson, the flying Viking, was then endeavoring to jump the trail in a few days, in striking contrast to the wind-driven boats of a thousand years before. Locatelli, the Italian aviator, was making the North Atlantic dash, and Fred J. Wells who crossed on the little Shanghai by the same route, was also in the spectacle.

Wells wrote to America that he saw the Leif Ericsson at Bergen, and then at Thorshaven he saw the ship again. "She had left six days ahead of us at Bergen. We had quite a chat on sea expariences, and Nutting told of his experiences in the Shetlands, where on the Island of Yell he had dug up some skulls of the ancient vikings and had brought them along".

At Iceland, Nutting wrote again to Mr. Stone: "I am sitting on the after deck leaning against the rail, which comes up to my shoulders. The tiller is lashed; Fleischer, energetic soul that he is, busies himself about the deck; Todahl is making a sketch and Hildebrand, judging from the blue haze and profanity which rises from the galley, is preparing to create a meal; the ship is steering itself.

"The deck looks business-like now, with everything securely lashed—bags of coal and peat, red cans of kerosene and kegs of salt fish and mutton out of the way along the rail, spare gaff with jaws like a whale fin, the small boat, a water keg, and four great chunks of whale meat, dripping red, slung from the poor sheerpole".

At that time he had some doubt about the success of his ship. "As we looked her over from every angle we hoped devoutly that the Viking trail lay wholly to the northward of the prevailing westerlies, since otherwise we would grow old fruitlessly and eternally banging head seas and getting nowhere.

Later, however, he was more satisfied. "We have watched her behavior now over fifteen hundred miles of sailing and running under power, in all the varying conditions of weather which this section of the North Atlantic implies. We have run dead before it without ever tripping our boom; we have driven to windward in a full gale and confused sea without shipping solid water; we have ghosted along over unrippled fjords when seemingly the only wind was that produced by our own motion; we have rolled the white nights through on glassy swells of the sort that form the heaving floors of hell; and we have done it all with a greater degree of comfort than we would have thought possible.

"The Lief Ericsson was built as a fisherman, but two years ago she was converted to a cutter and rearranged for crusing. The most important of our three lowers is the fore-staysail. Apart from the driving power of this gallant piece of canvas, its virtue lies principally in its ability to hang on till the crash of doom. It is the last sail to come off. In this respect it is like the foresail of a schooner—the sail under which the Gloucestermen ride out bad weather on the Grand Banks".

When the little sloop pushed out from Iceland on the wild westward trail word was flashed to the naval patrol to be on the lookout. There were ugly weather reports ahead. The ice had held longer and had gone down farther.

The aviators watched the ice-breaker Gertrude Trask try to get into the scheduled supply base at Angmasalik, usually open in midsummer for at least a month. It was necessary for the fliers to abandon this port in Grenland and seek a base farther south. All along the coast came reports of much floating ice. From some places the pack extended miles out from land, covered with much fog where it ventured out to the warmer waters of the Gulf Stream. It was this weather which engulfed the Italian aviator.

After the little sloop left Iceland, she cut all contact with civilization. She carried no wireless. There was no radio or telegraph over this section. Until she completed the voyage over to Battle Harbor, it was likely the little sloop would be out of touch with the world, except by communication with some infrequent vessel.

The Ericsson, however, was sighted again at Julinshaab, in Greenland. She was then skirting Greenland and heading for Davis Strait and Battle Harbor, Labraador. It was then getting late in September, with every prospect of an early winter clamping down over the area like a vise for many months.

Her crossing from Iceland to Greenland, as far north as it was, was not likely to be as nearly severe as when she hit the cold Labrador current coming straight down from the ice of the North Pole.

The sloop survived the terrific hurricane which lashed the whole Atlantic seaboard and which wrenched the destroyers from their anchors in protected Indian Harbor. She was sighted after this. But beyond her pause at Greenland, nothing has been heard from her.

In a country where it snows in August and the harbors become ice-locked early, it is thought by traders the ship might have entered some out-of-the-way place and become imprisoned for the long winter, with no chance of communication until spring. This is the only hope held out to the families of the men on board.

Mrs. Nutting, her daughter and son, refuse to give up hope. Nutting has been in sea ventures before, crossing the Atlantic in small boats, and she looks for him to appear, and says smiling, "A small boat is never overdue."

The Trenton returned with the report:

"After exhaustive analysis and conference, have decided that a single vessel searching in vast area for a very small craft last heard of two months ago must confine her search to most likely locality, based on probable location.

"Definite plan was drawn up accordingly and search conducted without success. Am returning to the United States convinced that in view of the elapsed time since the Ericsson was last seen and the heavy weather that has prevailed, further search at sea is futile".

Washington announced that the derelict recently reported as having been sighted in the path taken by the Ericsson had been previously sighted as early as September 5, and therefore could hardly be the missing ship. —Boston Globe.

The Standard $1.50, per year.

Widow pensioners of the war of 1812 has decreased in the past 15 months from 41 to 29. The youngest pensioner is Mrs. A. I. Anderson of Cedar Grove, Ga.

Queen Mary of England has over a hundred rings, in her possession but never wears any but her wedding ring and two others, both ppresents from King George.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Fred King and Miss Mary McKee, both of Chaffee, were united in marriage Monday afternoon at the M. E. parsonage by the pastor, Rev. D. O. Yeager.

Clarence Tant of Portageville was a business visitor in New Madrid on Tuesday.

Mesdames Alfred Stepp and Willard Russell visited Mrs. Jesse M. Miles in Cairo, last Sunday.

Miss Elsie Smart left Monday for her ome in Hazen, Ark. Her position with the Cotton Growers' Association is being filled by Miss Lois Willett.

Mrs. John Atkins of the Marston neighborhood left Monday night for St. Louis, where she will be joined by her daughter, Miss Camille, who will accompany her to Mayo Bros. for medical attention.

Atty. James A. Finch is in St. Louis this week on legal business.

Marriage license were issued last week to Ward Tutor and Miss Edith Hodge, both of Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Myer and Jeff Myer of Sikeston were guests at the M. Frankle home in this city last Sunday.

Mrs. Herman Wolfson and little daughter Jeanette of Puxico spent Thanksgiving at the home of the former's father, M. Frankle, in this city.

Mrs. Mary Moore and daughter Miss Nadine of Charleston and Mrs. R. P. Whitsell and daughter, Miss Lillian Byrd of Union City, Tenn., spent several hours in New Madrid last Wednesday at the Davis B. Riley home last Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Earley and Mrs. Effie Hunter visited friends in Poplar Bluff Tuesday.

Mrs. Effie Hunter will visit friends in Jonesboro, Ark., this coming Saturday.

Clarence Alsobrook of the Marston neighborhood was a business visitor Monday.

Attorney E. F. Sharp of Marston was looking after business matters in New Madrid Monday.

Aty. R. F. Baynes of Parma made a business trip to New Madrid Monday.

Mrs. A. W. Walker returned to New Madrid Sunday, after a visit with relatives and friends at Fornfelt.

The primary room of the Kewanee school gave a "Negro Minstrel Show" entertainment, which was followed by a box supper. The show by the pupils was very creditably rendered, under the direction of Miss Vina Carr, the primary teacher. The meeting was well attended by the interesting patrons, who enjoyed a very able talk from the County Supt. P. J. Stearns. Selbert Westcoat being adjudged the ugliest man, was the recipient of a box of cigars, while Miss Baker was considered the prettiest girl, was awarded a cake. The proceeds of the evening will be used for the purchasing of books for the library.

A couple of daring deeds were committed in New Madrid last Saturday night. Voydie Wiseman a lad of about 18 years, living near Kewance was in New Madrid, and held up on Main Street at Mann Bros. old store house near the levee about 8 o'clock and relieved of about $12, a pocket knife and a few similar articles of small value. The culprit, who made his get-away, put a pistol in the boy's back and searched his pockets from the back, thereby concealing his identity. On the same night, R. C. Doyle, Jeweler, had his coupe stolen from in front of his residence on Scott street. No trace of it has been found.

T. F. Henry and F. E. Mount of Sikeston were transacting business in New Madrid Monday.

County Court was in session last Friday and Saturday for the purpose of hearing exceptions to D. D. No. 38. After the exceptions were heard, some modifications were made, the court confirmed the report of the viewers and ordered the work done. Atty. Thos. Gallivan of this city represented the petitioners and Casper M. Edwards of Malden, represented the exceptors.

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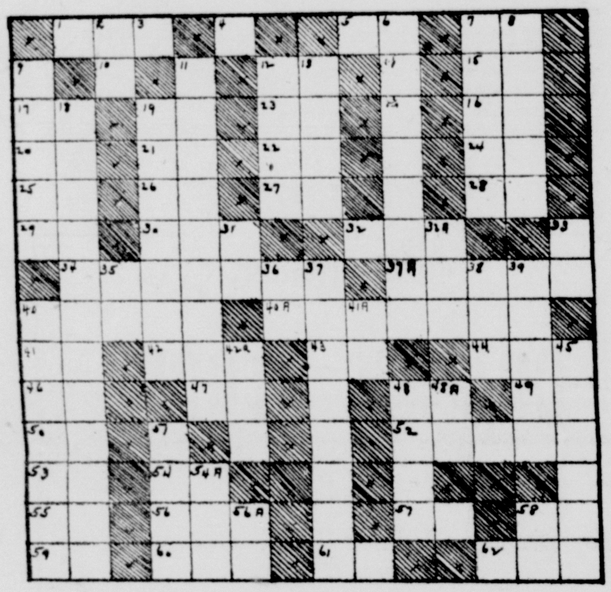

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Will give FIVE DOLLARS to the first person bringing to their office the correct answer to the above cross word puzzle, and $2.50 to the second person bringing to them the correct answer. No employee of the above firm or members of their families will be permitted to participate in the awards.

Horizontal

1. A roundish body covered with a shell.
4. The 15th letter and the 4th vowel
5. Behold.
7. What we sometimes call our mother.
12. The letters used in naming some of our Dirigibles.
15. A conjunction.
16. The first two letters in one of our common beverages.
17. The first two initials of a prominent Sikeston Banker and farmer.
19. The letters we all want to see preceeding I in Dunn's Reporter.
20. Bachelor of Arts (ab).
21. The first letter of a striped wild animal followed by the first letters of a desert necessity.
22. The initials used by some fraternal lodges.
23. The first and third letter of the given name of a prominent young oil man in Sikeston.
24. Not off.
25. What we sometimes say when we are talking excitedly.
26. What some of the flappers call their Hawaiian instruments.
27. Not so good. (ab).
28. The initial of the first and last name of a bank cashier in Sikeston.
29. The initials of a man in the telephone business.
30. A beautiful color.
32. A domestic animal.
34. To copy after.
40. To combine.
40a To establish a prior claim.
41. The sixth note of the musical scale.
42. The last.
43. Before noon.
44. We played them on last Thanksgiving (ab).
46. A nick name.
47. Same as 31 vertical.
48. A cry to excite attention.
49. The initials of another banker-farmer in Sikeston.
50. What the little boy shoots in his air-gun.
52. To worship with reverence and awe.
53. What a sailor should say when commanded to duty by his superior (use your imagination).
54. A preposition used in regard to source.
55. The street car company in St. Louis (ab).
56. Man's name.
57. The fourth note of the musical scale.
58. A pronoun of the third person.
59. Doctor of medicine (ab)
60. If you get 42 horizontal, this is easy.
61. In this or that manner.
62. Expressing consent.

Vertical

2. To walk.
6. Hardened in heart.
7. An agency that sets machinery in motion.
8. An open space for combatants.
9. A slip of paper.
11. The lower portion of a jacket.
12. Past of tear.
13. To choke up.
18. A North American bird with fine red plumage.
19. A blue mineral, an ore of copper.
31. What a baby generally learns to say first.
32a. A boys name.
33. A word expressing equality.
35. The third note in the musical scale.
36. Texas Pacific (ab.)
37. Scratchings out.
38. Initials of an officer of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.
39. A pronoun meaning "one not the same".
41. The lower lip of insects.
41a. Printer's unit of measure.
42a. What some of us call our father.
45. Distinct parts of a play.
48. One part of a thing which is divided into two equal parts.
48a. A term we don't like to see on our bank statement.
51. One of the five great divisions of the earth.
54a. A stretch of boggy land.
56a. Doctor of Divinity (ab).
58. Same as 58 horizontal.

Gift Suggestions

Run over the following list---note the many splendid suggestions for a gift that will please him, or her, and remember that these are but a small part of the many others we have here ready for your choice.

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Silk Parsols	Gloves
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Petticoats	Sweaters
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CUTTER SAVES 200 IN ALASKAN FAMINE

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 5.—Describing every detail of a thrilling cruise to the Arctic where she saved from famine 200 men, women and children, and made a hazardous attempt to rescue the schooner Silver Wave, lost in the ice off Kutsehue Sound, the coast guard cutter Mojave has arrived here for the winter.

In a far off corner, separated from civilization by snow and ice and facing a long winter with provisions nearly exhausted, 200 persons at Teller, Seward Peninsula, sent an appeal to the coast guard. The power schooner Apollo, making a late sailing from Seattle with 45 tons of winter provisions was damaged and forced from Berling Sea back to Dutch Harbor. The villagers were ill.

The cutter Mojave, lying off Nome, responded to the appeal. Fighting ice fields and gales she arrived off Teller and under great difficulty landed 36 tons of provisions.

Off Kutsbue Sound in the Arctic the Mojave had the most thrilling experience of the cruise. The Silver Wave blown to sea with five men aboard seemed certain of destruction.

The Mojave steamed full speed to Cape Prince of Wales, where dog teams, Eskimos and skin boats were obtained. It was planned to send the natives with sleds over the ice to the rescue of the imprisoned men in the Silver Wave.

For five days the cutter fought her way through fiels of heavy ice and finally reached Cape Espenberg, ten miles from where the stricken vessel was last reported. Despite the powerful searchlights which the Mojave forced into the leaden Arctic skies there was no answering signal from the doomed ship.

After many hours the Mojave gave up the search. The Silver Wave was lost but the five men made their way over the ice to safety with Eskimos and eventually reached Nome.

In the American offices and stores in China the girls are allowed Sunday as a day of rest, but in the Chinese stores they work as on any other day of the week.

Miss Janet McKay, a former nurse at the Bellevue Hospital in New York, now acts as mother to 500 refugee children, being in charge of the Near East Relief orphan city of Alexandropol, Armenia.

Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of Thomas M. Bloomfield, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of December, 1924, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such state; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

ZADA A. BLOOMFIELD,
Administratrix.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY,
Probate Judge.

Besides paying her husband $200 alimony, Mrs. Hortense Meiser of Cedar Rapids Ia., supports three children.

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